

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 234** SLS 26RS 556

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> March 31, 2026 12:04 PM	<b>Author:</b> PRESSLY
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Higher Education	<b>Analyst:</b> Tanesha Morgan
<b>Subject:</b> Medical school grading	

POSTSECONDARY ED EG SG RV See Note  
Provides for medical school students' grading. (2/3-CA7s2.1(A)) (7/1/26)

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Proposed law requires public postsecondary education institutions that offer medical doctorate degrees to adopt policies that ensure any coursework offered in their curriculum for a medical degree or certificate assesses a student's performance based on a tiered grading system of High-Pass, Pass, Low-Pass, or Fail or another tiered grading system with at least four designations. Proposed law provides that policies must be adopted beginning August 1, 2027. Proposed law authorizes the Board of Regents to adopt policies that provide for civil penalties for violations to proposed law. Proposed law provides for a severability clause. Proposed law provides that the law will be known as the "Medical School Letter Grade Act".

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
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<b>Annual Total</b>						

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law requires all public postsecondary institutions in Louisiana that offer medical doctorate degrees to adopt a tiered grading system of High-Pass, Pass, Low-Pass, or Fail for all medical coursework beginning August 1, 2027.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law provides that the Board of Regents is authorized to adopt policies providing for civil penalties. To the extent civil penalties involve monetary fines, there is potential for an increase in self-generated revenue though the amount is indeterminable, and the bill is silent on where any generated revenue would be deposited.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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