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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 202** SLS 18RS 318
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Multi-State Nurse Licensure Compact	

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 Provides relative to the Nurse Licensure Compact. (gov sig)

Proposed law establishes the multi-state Nurse Licensure Compact and allows Louisiana to join for nurses to obtain multi-state license privileges to practice in other compact states. Proposed law provides for criminal background checks, licensure, and education, as well as verification of licensure through a coordinated system. Proposed law requires nurses leaving their home states to practice in another compact state to comply with the laws of that compact state. Proposed law provides that home states are responsible for undertaking disciplinary action against nurses in violation of practice act requirements. Proposed law establishes the Interstate Commission and grants each state a seat on the commission. Proposed law provides for the gubernatorial appointment and two-year term of an appointee to the Commission from the LA State Board of Nursing and the LA State Board of Practical Nursing Examiners. Proposed law provides for enforcement of rulemaking authority.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may increase SGR expenditures for the LA State Board of Nursing by an indeterminable amount. The LSBN reports that proposed law requires an annual fee of \$6,000 necessary to be party to the Multi-State Nurse Licensure Compact. Furthermore, proposed law provides that each compact state will have one administrator appointed by the governor on the compact's Interstate Commission who will be eligible to participate in the affairs of the commission, including participation at meetings. To the extent Louisiana's administrator travels to these meetings, they will likely be reimbursed pursuant to state travel guidelines. The LSBN anticipates meetings to occur quarterly with travel expenses for each meeting costing approximately \$1,000, or \$4,000 annually. The LSBN anticipates funding the compact membership fee and travel expenses utilizing existing resources and budget authority.

Additionally, proposed law may increase enforcement activity for the LSBN. To the extent nurses domiciled outside of Louisiana violate laws and/or administrative rules enforced by the LSBN, the Board may investigate the alleged violations and recommend disciplinary measures to those nurses' home state licensing boards. Any increase in enforcement activity resulting from proposed law is indeterminable and dependent upon nurses domiciled elsewhere practicing in Louisiana and committing violations during the course of practice. Because the two aforementioned factors are unknown, any expenditure increase associated with greater enforcement activity is indeterminable. However, the LSBN does not anticipate a great influx of nurses from outside of Louisiana as a result of proposed law, and therefore does not anticipate a significant increase in enforcement activity. As a result, the LSBN states that any additional enforcement activity will likely be absorbed utilizing existing resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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