



# OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 249** HLS 20RS 791

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Court Fees	

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Provides for certain fees to be dedicated to the operational costs of the office of coroner in Concordia Parish

**PURPOSE:** This measure may allow Concordia Parish to impose a fee of not more than five dollars to guilty criminal cases, including traffic violations, to defray the operational costs of Concordia Parish's Office of the Coroner. The funds would be deposited into the Coroner's Operational fund.

The fees will become effective on the date of Judicial Council approval.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
<b>Annual Total</b>						

  

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### EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

**There may be an increase in local fund expenditures by the amount collected in fees as a result of this measure.**

According to the Concordia Parish Coroner, there may be an increase in local fund expenditures by the amount of fees collected. The Coroner plans to use the funds for training, equipment, uniforms, fuel, investigative tools, and possible salaries, if funds are available.

### REVENUE EXPLANATION

**Local fund revenues may increase annually by \$6,180 as a result of this measure.**

According to an official with the Concordia Parish District Attorney's Office, during the period of October, November and December of 2019, there were 69 felonies, 102 misdemeanors, and 138 traffic tickets that pled guilty or were found guilty. Based on the cases in a quarter, we estimated that there could be 1,236 cases per year applicable to the fees provided for in this bill. An estimate for the amount of revenue generated if all cases had the maximum fee of \$5 imposed would be \$6,180 per year (1,236 guilty cases x \$5). These fees would be distributed to the Concordia Parish Coroner's operational fund.

#### 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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