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Fiscal Note On: **HB 34** HLS 201ES 63

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Opioid Settlement Fund	

FUNDS/FUNDING OR SEE FISC NOTE SD EX Page 1 of 1
Creates the Louisiana Opioid Settlement Fund (Item #11)

Proposed legislation creates the Louisiana Opioid Settlement Fund. Requires that all monies received by the state from any judgment, settlement, or civil or criminal penalty against any manufacturer or responsible party shall be deposited into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used to provide grant funding to specified entities for opioid education, overdose prevention efforts, and addiction research, treatment and recovery. Provides funds shall be appropriated to the University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM), which, in conjunction with the ULM College of Pharmacy, shall be the administrator of the fund. Requires ULM to establish criteria for grant eligibility and disburse funds as follows: 20% for prevention efforts; 50% to address the current opioid crisis; and 30% for addiction and treatment research and development of opioid alternatives. Requires annual reporting no later than August 1 of each year. Further requires that any prescription medicine received by the state from any judgment, settlement, assessment of civil or criminal penalty against a manufacturer of opioids shall be distributed to ULM which shall establish a procedure for distribution of the prescription medicine. Effective August 1, 2020

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

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in expenditures for ULM to the extent revenues are deposited into the fund and are available for the award of grants to eligible entities. ULM anticipates it could use existing resources initially, but additional staffing to administer the program may be phased in based on the availability of funds and the implementation timeline. To the extent additional resources are required, ULM would use allocations out of the funding formula, self-generated revenues, or request state general fund (direct) as the proposed bill does not provide for the use of the statutorily dedicated funds to offset administrative costs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no immediate impact to revenues of state and local agencies, as well as other eligible entities as a result of this legislation. To the extent monies are deposited into the fund, eligible entities may apply for grants. The Attorney General has indicated there is ongoing litigation, as well as negotiations with multiple pharmaceutical manufacturers involving all 50 states, as well as local governments and municipalities. Many of these have been ongoing for a number of years; as such the AG is unable to quantify the amount and timing of potential receipts as a result of any settlement.

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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