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Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 7** SLS 23RS 122
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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LIBRARIES RE INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to access to certain materials in public libraries. (8/1/23)

Purpose of Bill: This bill requires parish and municipal libraries to implement a policy to restrict minors' access to sexually explicit materials (as defined in the bill) by Jan 1, 2024. The bill provides, in part, for a library card system allowing parents/guardians to limit their child's access to collections, materials, and digital content that have been identified as sexually explicit material by the library's board of control. In addition, the bill requires a reconsideration process to allow patrons to address concerns about sexually explicit material. The bill also includes penalties for noncompliance.

Note: There are 67 public library systems that are subject to the provisions of this bill.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase library expenditures related to implementing the required card system and reviewing library material in reconsideration requests. However, the impact on each library will vary and, therefore, the overall impact is currently indeterminable.

Based on information from several public library systems, the Police Jury Association of Louisiana, and the State Library of Louisiana, which received information from 23 public libraries, it appears that some libraries may experience additional costs associated with implementing the card system requirements of the bill, while others will not. For example, the West Feliciana Parish Library informed us that they may need to spend \$15,000-\$30,000 per year to change their existing card system, while the Lafayette Public Library System may not incur any costs as it already has a system that meets the requirements of the bill. Based on the survey conducted by the State Library, of the 23 responding, 14 libraries would need to adjust their card systems, 7 had systems that could handle requirements of the bill, and 2 libraries were uncertain.

In addition, the bill requires a reconsideration process to allow patrons to address concerns about sexually explicit material. Based on the information received above, it appears that many of the public library systems already have such a process in place, but some of the systems do not. Therefore, the overall fiscal impact is currently indeterminable.

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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