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Fiscal Note On: **HB 606** HLS 24RS 842

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Midwife and Doula Programs		

HIGHER ED/SU BD SUPS OR +\$2,243,400 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Requires the Southern University Board of Supervisors to establish a program for midwives and a program for doulas within the Southern University School of Nursing, subject to Board of Regents approval
 Proposed law establishes two new programs at the Southern University Agricultural & Mechanical College in the School of Nursing: a midwife program and a doula program. The two new academic programs are subject to the approval of the Board of Regents.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$2,243,400	\$1,987,602	\$1,883,130	\$1,930,024	\$1,978,325	\$10,022,481
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
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	\$2,243,400					\$2,243,400

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
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	\$0					\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed measure will result in increased SGF expenditures at Southern University A&M College which may be offset in the future by SGR tuition and fee collections depending on enrollment in the proposed new programs of study.

To establish the new programs within the School of Nursing, it is estimated expenditures totaling \$2.2 M in FY 25 will be required to begin implementation. Staffing needs for the new programs are estimated at \$1.3 M and would include seven (7) professors (\$118,000 salary each) and one (1) Director (\$130,000 salary) along with combined related benefits of \$382,400. Compensation for the positions is estimated to increase at a rate of 3% in the ensuing fiscal years. Costs also include \$250,000 in professional services to provide 10 preceptors to work one-on-one with students in clinical settings, \$135,000 in operating expenses for supplies, and \$70,000 to provide specialized insurance for faculty. Operating expenses are projected to increase by 3% in ensuing fiscal years. One-time equipment purchases are anticipated in FY 25 totaling \$450,000 for three birthing simulator devices and \$150,000 in FY 26 for one additional simulator.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in collections from tuition and fees resulting from students who enroll in these newly created programs; however, this precise amount is unknown. For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed the program could begin enrollment in FY 26 as reflected in the table above.

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}

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 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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