

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 476** SLS 24RS 1345

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Use of Bait Dogs in Training Process for Dogfighting		

CRIME/PUNISHMENT

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Criminalizes the use of bait dogs in the training process for dog fighting. (8/1/24)

Current law provides for the crime of dogfighting; provides activities admissible as evidence in violation of the crime of dogfighting; assesses a sentence of imprisonment of no less than 1 year nor more than 10 years, with or without hard labor, or a fine of no less than \$1,000 nor more than \$25,000, or both for those convicted of dogfighting. Proposed law adds possessing or using a bait dog to train another dog for dogfighting as evidence admissible against a person charged with the crime of dogfighting; adds the definition of bait dog; increases the minimal optional fine assessed against those convicted of dogfighting to no less \$5,000; provides that owning or possessing a former bait dog for the purpose of providing it with rehabilitative care does not constitute dogfighting.

EXPENDITURES	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	\$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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

The proposed law only adds a provision regarding evidence that is admissible against a person charged with the crime of dogfighting and does not enhance or reduce the penalty of imprisonment for those convicted of the crime of dogfighting. Therefore, there is no anticipated direct effect on governmental expenditures.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of potential fines for dogfighting. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of the fines, if imposed, may vary. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

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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