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MENTAL HEALTH EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
Provides relative to group and community homes

Proposed law authorizes local governing authorities to allow camping in designated areas. A political subdivision may designate property within its boundaries by majority vote of its governing body to be used for camping for a period of one year, as long as certain conditions are met, such as bed shortage in homeless shelters, property value will not be affected, and safety of children is not negatively affected. Proposed law requires political subdivisions to notify the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) within 10 days of designating property for public camping in accordance with procedures established by the department. Proposed law requires that the local governing authority shall present notice in accordance with applicable local laws surrounding the encampment that it will be cleared within 30 days prior to clearing. Proposed law requires minimum standards to be established regarding, safety and security, sanitation, restrooms and running water, access to behavioral health, prohibition of illegal substances, requirements during an emergency declaration. Proposed law establishes the Encampment Mitigation Reimbursement Fund.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to have an indeterminable expenditure impact to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM), political subdivisions, and the Louisiana Housing Corporation by allowing political subdivisions to designate property within their boundaries to be used for public camping for a period of one year. This property is subject to the following conditions: (a) there are not sufficient beds in homeless shelters for the homeless population of the political subdivision; (b) property is not contiguous with property designated for residential use; (c) the designated property will not adversely and materially affect property value or security of other property. Any such costs are speculative and subject to actions by political subdivisions.

Louisiana Department of Health - Health Standards Section

LDH reports an indeterminable expenditure impact associated with the requirement to certify, inspect, and establish minimum housing standards considering critical aspects such as safety, sanitation, privacy and habitability. In addition, this legislation requires LDH to submit waivers from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to obtain funding to provide healthcare and housing to individuals experiencing homelessness and suffering from illness.

Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)

OSFM reports an indeterminable expenditure impact to assist with housing and services for individuals experiencing homelessness by conducting inspections of emergency shelters, community facilities, group homes, and halfway houses to verify that the housing options available to individuals experiencing homelessness are safe and sanitary. The agency indicates that the impact is indeterminable because there is no way to estimate the number of emergency shelters, community facilities, group homes, and halfway houses that will require annual inspections resulting from this measure.

Political Subdivisions

This legislation will result in an indeterminable expenditure impact to political subdivisions/local governments. To the extent political subdivisions designate property for public camping to establish minimum standards and procedures to: (a) ensure safety and security of property and residents; (b) maintain sanitation, including but not limited to clean and operable restrooms and running water; (c) coordinate with federal, state, local, and private entities to provide access to behavioral health services; (d) prohibiting and enforcing illegal substance use on designated property. In addition to the above, a resident, business owner, or non-profit located within 1,000 feet of a public encampment, or the district attorney may bring civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction against the political subdivision or applicable municipality.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to have an indeterminable increase in revenue to the Louisiana Housing Corporation through revenues deposited into the newly created Encampment Mitigation Reimbursement Fund. The Treasurer shall deposit any grants, donations, gifts, or other money which may become available into the fund. Revenues are to be used solely for reimbursement grants to political subdivisions associated with the prohibition and exceptions to the public camping regulations established under this legislation.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	
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If the resident, business owner, nonprofit organization, or district attorney prevails in a civil action brought in accordance with this measure, the court may award reasonable expenses incurred in bringing the civil action, including court costs, reasonable attorney fees, investigative, costs, witness fees, and deposition costs.

Louisiana Housing Corporation

The Louisiana Housing Corporation shall allocate funding from the newly established Encampment Mitigation Reimbursement Fund for reimbursement grants to a political subdivision or municipality for compliance with R.S. 40:581.2 (Prohibition of public camping; exceptions). Expenditures are subject to appropriation by the legislature. Unexpended/unencumbered money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

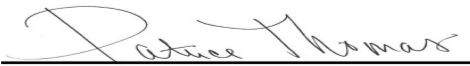
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