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Fiscal Note On: **HB 126** HLS 25RS 568
Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:
Proposed Amd.: **w/ PROP SEN COMM AMD**
Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Increases Minimum Funding for Parish Councils on Aging		Analyst: Luis Galvan

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Modifies the funding formula used to determine minimum state funding allocations to parish councils on aging and increases the minimum aggregate total that is to be appropriated annually to the office of elderly affairs for such allocations

Present law (R.S. 46:1606) requires the Legislature to appropriate state general funds to the Office of Elderly Affairs (OEA) for distribution to the 64 parish councils on aging (PCOAs). Each parish council receives the greater of \$2.50 per resident aged 60 years or older, based on the latest census estimates, or a minimum allocation of \$100,000 per parish. Additionally, present law mandates a statewide minimum annual appropriation of \$6.9 M. Funds are distributed quarterly, and the executive director of OEA may adjust allocations with Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) approval in the event of disasters.

Proposed law increases the per capita funding rate from \$2.50 to \$4 per resident aged 60 years or older, raises the minimum allocation per parish from \$100,000 to \$150,000, and increases the statewide minimum annual appropriation from \$6.9 M to \$10,494,238. Proposed law further creates the Voluntary Parish Councils on Aging Fund and dedicates 3.5% of video poker proceeds to the fund for annual appropriation to OEA for distribution to PCOAs. The distribution process and the authority of the executive director of OEA to adjust allocations during disasters remain unchanged. Proposed law becomes effective only upon specific appropriation by the legislature and is contingent upon enactment of HB 639.

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	\$3,524,736	\$3,524,736	\$3,524,736	\$3,524,736	\$3,524,736	\$17,623,680
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$3,406,317	\$3,406,317	\$3,406,317	\$3,406,317	\$3,406,317	\$17,031,585
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase in statutory dedication expenditures of approximately \$3.5 M annually beginning in FY 26, subject to appropriation. The increase is based on a new formula for PCOAs, which includes the greater of the per capita funding rate from \$2.50 to \$4 per resident aged 60 years or older, or the minimum annual allocation per parish from \$100,000 to \$150,000, and an increase in the total statutory statewide minimum annual appropriation from \$6.9 M to \$10,494,238. PCOAs will receive the greater of the revised \$4 per resident or the new \$150,000 minimum allocation, ensuring flexibility based on their population. The \$3.5 M annual increase reflected in the table above represents the difference between the \$6.9 M minimum appropriation in FY 25 and the proposed minimum appropriation of \$10.4 M beginning in FY 26. To the extent dedicated revenues are insufficient, SGF may be needed to cover the \$118,419 shortfall.

Most PCOAs will receive \$150,000 annually under the new model. The table below shows the seven largest Parish Councils on Aging (PCOAs), where annual expenditures are projected to exceed \$150,000 under the proposed law and \$100,000 under present law. Additionally, the table provides a comparison of expenditures under the proposed law compared to present law, as well as the net difference, for the seven largest PCOAs, and for the new model.

	Maximum Funding Proposed Law FY 26	Existing Funding Present Law FY 25	Net difference
Caddo	\$232,628	\$ 144,952.50	\$87,676
Calcasieu	\$168,020	\$ 115,917.50	\$52,103
East Baton Rouge	\$355,092	\$ 235,245.00	\$119,847
Jefferson	\$419,456	\$ 270,327.50	\$149,129
Lafayette	\$184,992	\$ 120,475.00	\$64,517
Orleans	\$335,528	\$ 214,502.50	\$121,026
St. Tammany	\$248,520	\$ 161,890.00	\$86,630
TOTAL	\$1,944,236	\$ 1,263,310.00	\$680,926

Expenditures in future years may vary based on U.S. Census population estimates for residents aged 60 and older, with an expected 3% annual growth rate.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law creates the Voluntary Parish Councils on Aging Fund and dedicates 3.5% of electronic sports wagering tax proceeds (R.S. 27:625(B)), subject to appropriation. Proposed law is contingent on enactment of HB 639, which raises the tax rate on online sports wagering from 15% to 21.5% and is projected to increase gaming revenues. If enacted, dedicated revenues will increase and SGF availability will decrease. Based on the proposed 21.5% tax rate, the 3.5% dedication is estimated at approximately \$3.4 M annually, which is slightly below the projected \$3.5 M expenditure increase.

Senate

☒ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

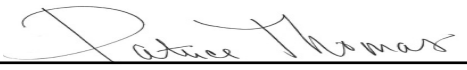
☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

Dual Referral Rules

☒ 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}

House



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