

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
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 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Unlawful Disclosure of Confidential Information

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Provides a penalty for the unlawful disclosure of confidential information relating to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking

Current law provides for protections required for victims of domestic violence; prohibits unlawful transfer of victims' health insurance and medically-related information; provides for confidentiality and prohibited disclosure of records in the possession of the Louisiana Domestic Abuse Battery Fatality Review Panel; provides for basic rights for victims and witnesses and for confidentiality of crime victims; provides for confidentiality and prohibited disclosure of records in the possession of different entities. Proposed law provides for imprisonment of no more than one year, with or without hard labor, or a fine of no more than \$2,500, or both, for (1) intentional release, disclosure, transfer, or dissemination for publication any information related to the abuse status of an applicant or insured for any impermissible purpose, (2) a member of a review panel, local or regional panel or agent of a local or regional panel who discloses confidential information, (3) those who violate confidentiality of minors and victims of sex offenses and human trafficking-related offenses, (4) those who violate confidentiality and prohibited disclosure of records in the possession of multi-disciplinary team conferences and family justice centers, and (5) those who violate confidentiality and prohibited disclosure of records in the possession of a community shelter; exempts from liability (for unlawful disclosure of information) by an individual community-based shelters serving abuse victims.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services, to the extent that an offender is convicted of intentionally releasing, disclosing, transferring, or disseminating for publication any information related to the abuse status of an applicant, disclosing confidential information as a member of a review panel, local or regional panel or as an agent of a local or regional panel, violating confidentiality of minors and victims of sex offenses and human trafficking-related offenses, violating confidentiality and prohibited disclosure of records in the possession of multi-disciplinary team conferences and family justice centers, and violating confidentiality and prohibited disclosure of records in the possession of a community center. Proposed law includes punitive measures for five separate crimes, which are relative felonies. Any impact on either state or local expenditures is contingent on whether offenders sustain either a misdemeanor or felony-grade convictions for their violation. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, as it is unknown how many people will be convicted or the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment. The maximum imprisonment term for each of the aforementioned crimes is no more than one year.

To the extent that offenders sustain a felony-grade conviction for violation of the proposed law, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in expenditures. For those convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those housed in local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$29.39 per offender per day. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities.

To the extent that offenders sustain a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the proposed law, local governing authorities will sustain Local Funds expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities, nor the length of the sentences assessed with those convictions as a result of its potential enactment.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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