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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 1227** HLS 26RS 2550

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Board of Medical Examiners		<b>Analyst:</b> John McKay
<b>Subject:</b> Physician Review Panel		

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Provides with respect to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners

Proposed measure provides that complaints that require evaluation of clinical decision making, diagnosis, treatment, prescribing, supervision of clinical care, documentation of care, or standard of care receive peer physician review prior to formal disciplinary proceedings. Proposed law provides that the complaint shall only be escalated to formal disciplinary proceedings after review by the physician review panel. Proposed legislation defines "escalated to formal disciplinary proceedings." Proposed measure establishes the membership of the physician review panel and sets forth the guidelines under which the panel may or may not serve in reviewing a peer review complaint. Proposed legislation provides that the physician review panel is advisory only and final authority for complaints remains with the board. Proposed measure provides for the confidentiality of records and materials that are a part of peer reviews. Proposed law provides that the board may take immediate temporary action authorized by law when there is an imminent threat to public health. Proposed measure provides rulemaking authority to the Board to implement proposed law.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed legislation requires a three-physician review panel, appointed in accordance with rules of the Board of Medical Examiners (Board), to evaluate complaints involving clinical decision-making, diagnosis, treatment, prescribing, supervision of care, documentation, or standards of care before those complaints are escalated to formal disciplinary proceedings. Proposed measure provides that the physician review panel's recommendation is advisory only. Final authority to dismiss a complaint, require additional investigation, initiate a formal investigation, file administrative charges, or otherwise proceed as authorized by law remains with the Board. However, in emergency circumstances involving an imminent threat to public health or patient safety, the Board may take immediate temporary action otherwise authorized by law without first obtaining consideration from the physician review panel.


Proposed legislation is silent on compensation for physicians appointed to a panel. This fiscal note presumes that physicians appointed to the panel will serve without compensation.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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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