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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 968** HLS 26RS 1457

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Electronic Monitoring and Associated Costs	

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Provides relative to electronic monitoring and associated costs

Current law provides for electronic monitoring programs, conditions of electronic monitoring, responsibility for costs of electronic monitoring, and procedures and duties of the court when a monitored person is noncompliant with conditions. Proposed law requires any person monitored and responsible for associated costs to provide a method of payment to the service provider as a means to guarantee payment, and an additional condition of repayment if the court has ordered the satisfaction of any outstanding or delinquent payment; requires the court to issue a warrant for the arrest of a monitored person who fails to satisfy an outstanding or delinquent payment within 30 days of the court's determination through its designated intermediary that payment is owed; permits a provider to file proof of nonpayment with the clerk of court at any time after the monitored person fails to pay associated costs; provides for a contradictory hearing to establish proof of the monitored person's nonpayment; provides for duties of the court after determination that any outstanding or delinquent payment is owed - order the monitored person to satisfy all or a portion of the outstanding or delinquent payment within 30 days through the court's intermediary, assess filing costs against the intermediary, and permit providers to remove the monitoring device after the 30-day time period expires if recovery is not been made; provides for periodic payment plans for an indigent monitored person.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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

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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures to Sheriffs, to the extent that arrests are made of those persons subject to electronic monitoring who fail to satisfy all or a portion of an outstanding or delinquent payment for electronic monitoring services within 30 days of the court's determination through its intermediary that all or a portion of an outstanding or delinquent payment has not been made. Proposed law has the effect of allowing, either on its own motion, or that of the district attorney, the court to issue a warrant for the arrest of a person subject to electronic monitoring services within 30 days of the court's determination through its intermediary that all or a portion of an outstanding or delinquent payment has not been made. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, because it is unknown the duration of time in which those parties arrested and subsequently placed in the custody of Sheriffs will remain in parish jails prior to release, or the number of persons who will be detained with the enactment of the proposed law.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in workload in district courts, to the extent that courts hold contradictory hearings for electronic monitoring service providers who are unable to provide proof of nonpayment with clerks of court for all or a portion of an outstanding or delinquent payment for electronic monitoring that has not been made. The exact fiscal impact to district courts is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of contradictory hearings that will be conducted with the enactment of the proposed law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Between 7/01/21 and 6/30/26 (after enactment of Act 123 of the 2021 RS), juvenile courts were prohibited from assessing fees to juveniles (including fees for costs of supervision via electronic monitoring). Because juvenile courts will already have the ability to resume assessing fees to juveniles for costs of supervision via electronic monitoring with the sunset of Act 123 of the 2021 RS (6/30/26), the enactment of the proposed law would yield the same impact in FY 27, and any fees collected will offset agency expenditures for monitoring funded through SGF.

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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