

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 451** SLS 26RS 1374

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Provides relative to newborn hearing screening		

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Provides relative to newborn hearing screening. (8/1/26)

Present law establishes the "Identification of Hearing Loss in Infants Law", provides definitions, creates a bill of rights for children who are hard of hearing, outlines procedures for the identification of hearing loss in infants, and establishes a 14-member advisory council, including a chair and vice chair as officers.

Proposed law renames present law as the "Newborn Hearing Screening Law," updates terminology within the bill of rights, and revises and adds definitions. It further updates provisions to provide for early detection and intervention for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Additionally, the proposed law expands the advisory council from 14 to 21 members, adds a secretary as an officer, and authorizes members to be reimbursed for travel and related expenses in accordance with the Division of Administration's travel regulations. It also revises the powers, duties, and functions of the council.

Effective August 1, 2026.

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	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>

**Annual Total**

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable but minimal annual increase in travel-related expenditures associated with provisions authorizing reimbursement for actual travel and related expenses incurred by advisory council members in the performance of official duties, in accordance with the travel regulations of the Division of Administration.

Information provided by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) indicates an estimated \$1,515 in Federal expenditures annually for travel reimbursements associated with two staff advisory council members attending mandated in-person quarterly meetings. These expenditures are typically supported through federal funding sources, including the Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant funds. NOTE: Proposed law seems to indicate that all advisory council members shall now be eligible for actual travel and other expenses occurred in the performance of their duties, which may increase estimated expenditures (assumed to be paid from Federal) beyond the initial estimate provided by LDH.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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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