



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 676** HLS 26RS 450
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Corrections, Sheriffs, and Department of Health		
Subject: Fraudulent Patient Referrals / Body Brokering		Analyst: Daniel Druilhet

CRIME RE SEE FISC NOTE GF EX Page 1 of 1
 Creates the crime of fraudulent patient referrals or "body brokering"

Proposed law provides for the crime of fraudulent patient referrals (body brokering); provides that no person shall knowingly or intentionally (1) solicit, offer, pay, or receive any fee, payment, rebate, commission or anything of value from a person for the referral of a patient to a residential substance abuse facility, mental health facility, or a facility licensed for substance use disorder treatment or services or (2) urge, or market to any person to make, furnish, or receive any fee, payment, rebate, commission, or anything of value for the referral of a patient to a residential substance abuse facility, mental health facility, or a facility licensed for substance use disorder treatment or services; provides for exceptions; assesses a sentence of imprisonment of no more than five years, with or without hard labor, or a fine of no more than \$50,000, or both, for those in violation; requires an offender to make full restitution to the victim and any other person who has suffered a financial loss as a result of the offense.

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

Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety & Corrections-Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS), to the extent that a person is convicted of fraudulent patient referrals (or body brokering). Proposed law is a relative felony, and any impact on either state or local expenditures is contingent on whether offenders sustain either misdemeanor or felony-grade convictions for their violation. The exact fiscal impact to DPS&C-CS 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 is no more than five years.


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, to the extent that offenders are convicted of fraudulent patient referrals (or body brokering). The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, as the fines that are imposed on those convicted of the proposed law are optional, and the amount of the fines imposed are variable in nature. The potential revenues will accrue to local governing authorities.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | |


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