

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 656** HLS 26RS 527

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Access to Programming Pilot Program		

CORRECTIONS

EG SEE FISC NOTE GF EX

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Creates a pilot program that provides certain DPS&C programming and services to inmates

Proposes law authorizes the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to (DPS&C) establish the Access to Programming Pilot Program, subject to the availability of funds and appropriate resources, to be administered by inmates who are qualified and approved by DPS&C for the purpose of making programming available to juvenile offenders, inmates sentenced to the DPS&C who are in the custody of the sheriff at a parish prison or jail; provides that the programming shall include rehabilitation services that encompass educational and vocational opportunities, mental health services, and suicide awareness and prevention; provides that the DPS&C shall provide attendance options through simultaneous audio-visual transmission for juveniles housed in juvenile facilities or in-person or through simultaneous audio-visual transmission for inmates housed in parish prisons or jails; provides that DPS&C shall adopt rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to implement the proposed law.

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
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Annual Total

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable fiscal impact to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS) associated with the establishment of the Access to Programming Pilot Program. The proposed law authorizes DPS&C-CS to create additional programming for state offenders who are housed in local parish prisons and jails, which would impact the DPS&C budget for local housing of state adult offenders (20-451). The exact fiscal impact to DPS&C-CS is indeterminable, because it is permissive (not mandatory) in nature, and it is unknown the number of educational, vocational, mental health services, or suicide awareness and prevention programs that will be established, should the agency choose to establish and administer the program.

Note: The fiscal impact of the proposed law to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Youth Services (Office of Juvenile Justice) is indeterminable, based upon the uncertainty in implementation requirements. The Office of Juvenile Justice already provides the services mentioned in the proposed law to youth in secure care facilities, but the proposed law is unclear as to whether the services mentioned are to be expanded to local detention facilities. To the extent that the Office of Juvenile Justice is required to coordinate or expand services beyond what it currently provides, the Office of Technology Services will assist the agency in identifying the appropriate technology needed, whether it is developed internally or purchased.

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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