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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 234** SLS 26RS 556

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Higher Education		Analyst: Tanesha Morgan
Subject: Medical school grading		

POSTSECONDARY ED EN NO IMPACT See Note
Provides for medical school students' grading. (2/3-CA7s2.1(A)) (7/1/26)

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Proposed law requires public postsecondary education institutions that offer medical doctorate degrees to adopt policies that ensure any coursework offered in their curriculum for a medical degree or certificate assesses a student's performance based on a tiered grading system of High-Pass, Pass, Low-Pass, or Fail or another tiered grading system with at least four designations. Proposed law provides that policies must be adopted beginning August 1, 2027.

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

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

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law requires all public postsecondary institutions in Louisiana that offer medical doctorate degrees to adopt a tiered grading system of High-Pass, Pass, Low-Pass, or Fail for all medical coursework beginning August 1, 2027.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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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