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Fiscal Note On: **SB 399** SLS 26RS 642
Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:
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COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES EN NO IMPACT See Note

Creates the Louisiana Higher Education Research Security Council. (2/3-CA7s2.1(A)) (1/1/27)

Proposed law creates the Louisiana Higher Education Research Security Council, made up of state officials and university representatives, to review gifts, contracts, and research partnerships involving foreign adversary nations, develop security training for university staff, and report to the governor and legislature every two years. Proposed law requires universities to seek a national security review from a federal law enforcement agency and the council before accepting any gift, contract, or partnership from a foreign adversary source; if either finds the arrangement to be a security risk, the university cannot proceed. Proposed law prohibits university employees and researchers from accepting travel, lodging, or gifts from foreign adversary representatives and requires them to report any such contact to the council within 30 days. Proposed law requires the Board of Regents and the Office of Technology Services to review and eliminate educational software linked to foreign adversaries. Proposed law prohibits members of the Chinese Communist Party or Chinese intelligence agencies from enrolling in or receiving employment at Louisiana institutions of higher education.

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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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**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law creates the Louisiana Higher Education Research Security Council and establishes compliance, reporting, screening, and training requirements for institutions of higher education related to foreign adversary sources. To the extent any system experiences increased compliance workload, such costs are expected to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate — 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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