



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 544** HLS 14RS 1326

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Corrections		
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FIRE PROTECTION

Provides penalties for fire prevention interference

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Present law provides that fire prevention interference is the intentional performance of any acts: (1) Defacing or destroying fire warning notices or posters. (2) Injuring, destroying, removing, or in any manner interfering with the use of any tools, equipment, towers, buildings, or telephone lines used in the detection, reporting or suppression of fire.

Whoever commits the crime of fire prevention interference shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for a period of not more than six months, or both.

Proposed law adds life systems to the definition of the crime and additionally adds the following two elements: (3) Obstructing exits, impeding egress, or exceeding the capacity or posted occupant load of a building or structure (4) Unauthorized use or proximate display as defined in R.S. 51:650(9), of fireworks in a building or structure.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation is a misdemeanor; therefore, these offenders are not sentenced to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections. Local law enforcement agencies may realize an indeterminable increase in expenditures associated with prison costs. The cost increase will depend on the number of persons convicted, the minimum sentence an offender serves, and the cost per day for a local law enforcement agency to incarcerate an offender.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state governmental revenues as a result of this measure. However, any revenue generated through the imposition of fines created by this legislation would accrue to local governmental entities.