



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 177** SLS 25RS 19

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Health/Public Health		
Subject: Food Allergen Awareness		Analyst: Luis Galvan

PUBLIC HEALTH

OR NO IMPACT See Note

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Provides relative to food allergen awareness. (8/1/25)

Proposed law amends R.S. 40:5.5(C) and enacts R.S. 40:5.5(F) to require food allergen awareness training as part of the existing food safety certification process for food service establishments. Proposed Law specifies that the training must include information on the risk of an allergic reaction to a food allergen, recognition of allergy symptoms, identification of major food allergens, procedures for preventing allergic reactions, and appropriate responses when assisting individuals experiencing allergic reactions. Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), through the Office of Public Health (OPH), to approve training programs that incorporate this allergen awareness content and to develop a standardized food allergen awareness poster for display in all food service establishments. Beginning 1/01/26, allergen training will be required upon renewal of the food safety certificate. Proposed law retains existing authority to impose a certificate fee not to exceed \$25 per individual or establishment. Proposed law repeals existing language that exempted food service establishments with less than \$125,000 in annual food sales from compliance with the certification requirement until 2002.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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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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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Office of Public Health (OPH) within LDH is responsible for approving food safety training programs and will incorporate allergen awareness content into the existing food safety training curriculum required for certification, as required by the proposed law. LDH is also tasked with developing a food allergen awareness poster for distribution and display in food service establishments. The poster will be made available online, and it is expected that no production or distribution costs will be incurred. According to the agency, these responsibilities—including review of updated training programs and one-time development of the allergen awareness poster—will be absorbed within existing resources, and no additional staff, funding, or operational expenses are anticipated.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Present law already authorizes the Louisiana Department of Health to collect a fee of up to \$25 for issuance or renewal of a food safety certificate. Proposed law does not create a new fee or increase the amount that may be charged.

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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