



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

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Subject: T.R.U.S.T. Act		Analyst: Kimberly Fruge

FISCAL CONTROLS OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2

Creates the "Transparent Responsible Use of State Tax-dollars (T.R.U.S.T.) Act" to provide for appropriation requirements for nongovernmental entities. (2/3-CA7s2.1(A)) (gov siq)

Proposed law creates the "Transparent Responsible Use of State Tax-dollars (T.R.U.S.T.) Act" to provide for appropriation requirements for nongovernmental entities (NGOs); provides for additional information required in the funding request form; provides for a certificate of compliance prior to the release of any funds; provides that each NGO submit a report to the legislature containing measurable outcomes and benchmarks of funding objectives; provides that failure to submit a report will make the NGO ineligible to receive any appropriation or state funding for a period of five years; requires the Louisiana Legislative Auditor to audit any NGO that receives a state appropriation; and requires the treasurer to create and maintain an online, searchable database of each NGO that has been appropriated state monies.

Current law provides for criminal penalties for filing or maintaining false public records. Proposed law applies current law to NGOs submitting false reports pursuant to proposed law.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase SGF expenditures by \$155,000 annually for the Treasurer to create and maintain an online, searchable database of each NGO that has been appropriated state dollars. Proposed law requires the Treasurer to maintain a searchable database that includes the name of the entity, the entity's physical location, the amount it was appropriated, the stated purpose of the appropriation, the date when the entity originally signed a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the state, the current status of the funding, and whether or not the entity completed the purposes of the agreement. The Treasurer's office reports the cost of transparency sites, based on similar sites currently or historically maintained, is approximately \$155,000.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services, to the extent that a person sustains a conviction for filing or maintaining false public records pursuant to proposed law. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to state or local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted nor the length of the sentences assessed as a result of its potential enactment. Proposed law is a relative felony with a maximum sentence of five years, and any impact on either state or local expenditures is contingent on whether offenders sustain either a misdemeanor or felony-grade conviction for its violation.

To the extent that offenders sustain a felony-grade conviction for violation of the proposed law, DPS&C-CS will sustain an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures. For those convicted, sentenced, and then subsequently housed in a state facility, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$107.60 per offender per day. For those housed in local facilities, DPS&C-CS will sustain expenditures of \$26.39 per offender per day. DPS&C-CS advises that impacts on offender populations are anticipated to impact the number of offenders held in local facilities, and that in managing its offender population, it seeks to fill all beds in state facilities first, then assigns overflow offenders to local facilities.

To the extent that offenders sustain a misdemeanor conviction for violation of the proposed law, local governing authorities will sustain Local Funds expenditures. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation to local governing authorities is indeterminable, since it is not known how many people will be convicted and incarcerated in local facilities.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in SGF revenue. Proposed law provides for civil penalties and clawback of funds for NGOs, but does not provide for specific civil penalties or who the recipient of the civil penalty would be. To the extent the state collects civil penalties there may be an increase in revenues. The state may also collect restitution if the state suffers a loss as a result of filing or maintaining false public records pursuant to proposed law, however, any restitution fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of the fines, if imposed, may vary.

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Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	
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REVENUE EXPLANATION CONTINUED

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local revenues as a result of convictions for filing or maintaining false public records pursuant to proposed law. The exact fiscal impact of the passage of this legislation on local revenue is indeterminable because the fines that would be imposed on those convicted are optional, and the amount of the fines, if imposed, may vary, but not exceed \$5,000. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

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