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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 276** HLS 25RS 350
Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Authorizes St. Tammany Parish to create and provide for local ethics entities

Purpose of the Bill: This bill authorizes St. Tammany Parish to create and administer local ethics entities (e.g. Ethics Review Board or Office of Inspector General).

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

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

This bill may increase local fund expenditures for the St. Tammany Parish Government (Parish) by an indeterminable amount to extent that the Parish creates and administers a local ethics entity.

A Parish official indicated that the bill may increase Parish expenditures related to creating and administering a local ethics entity, including staffing and startup costs (e.g. equipment). This official indicated that the amount of the increase is currently indeterminable as the expenditures/staffing requirements for such an entity have not yet been determined.

Note: To provide context on potential costs, the following expenditure data was presented in the 2025 budgets of similar entities located in other jurisdictions that are authorized to create and administer local ethics entities:

Entity	Budgeted Expenditures
Office of the Inspector General (City of New Orleans)	\$4,488,636
Inspector General (Jefferson Parish)	\$1,709,504
Ethics Review Board (City of New Orleans)	\$305,093
Ethics and Compliance (Jefferson Parish)	\$145,609

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

Dual Referral Rules

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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