

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 969** HLS 26RS 1394

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Compensation for Victims of Criminal Offenses		

CRIMINAL/VICTIMS

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Provides relative to compensation for victims of criminal offenses

Current law provides for the Crime Victims Reparations Board and Victims Reparation Fund, procedures, reparation orders, the effect of awards on the right to recover civil damages, repayment of awards, recovery from a criminal, a report to the legislature and governor, attorney fees, and a limitation of liability for the state; provides for requirements and applicant eligibility; provides for powers and duties of the board; provides for criteria for making awards and award amounts; provides for a penalty of fraud; provides for forensic medical exams. Proposed law, among other individuals, adds as claimants under the Compensation Fund (1) a person who legally assumes the obligation or voluntarily pays medical or funeral, burial, or cremation expenses of a victim that are incurred as a direct result of a covered crime, (2) a person who legally assumes the obligation or voluntarily pays for the psychiatric care or counseling of a deceased victim's family member or household member, and (3) a household member of the victim who voluntarily pays for the temporary lodging or permanent relocation expenses incurred by the victim as a direct result of a covered crime; extends the time of filing an application for compensation from within 1 year after the date of the personal injury, death, or catastrophic property loss to within 3 years after the date of the commission of the crime; adds the salary of one additional full-time employee to effectuate the proposed law as permissible use of monies (including unclaimed winnings from sports wagering) received to pay expenses associated with healthcare services of victims of sex offenses, including forensic medical exams; reduces sentence of imprisonment for those who procure or counsel another to procure compensation by fraud from no more than one year to no more than six months.

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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	

Annual Total

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in expenditures out of the Statutory Dedications out of the Crime Victims' Compensation Fund in the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE), to the extent that an additional claimants become eligible to receive compensation and to the extent that the agency utilizes the fund for the salary of one additional full-time employee. The proposed law adds new categories of claimants that become eligible to receive compensation with its enactment and authorizes certain monies received for the compensation to be used for one additional full-time employee to effectuate its implementation. The exact fiscal impact to LCLE is indeterminable, because it is unknown the total number of additional individuals who may seek compensation, or the overall volume and total payout of claims that will result with the enactment of the proposed law.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable decrease in Local Funds expenditures to local governing authorities for convictions of procuring or counseling another person to procure compensation by fraud. The proposed law has the effect of reducing the maximum sentence of imprisonment for those convicted of its violation from no more than one year to no more than six months. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable, as it is unknown the number of people who will be convicted or the duration of sentences that will be imposed with the enactment of the proposed law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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