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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Higher Education Management Boards	
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EG +\$198,000 GF EX See Note

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Requires the boards of supervisors for the Louisiana State University, Southern University, University of Louisiana and Louisiana Community and Technical College systems to broadcast the live audio and video of all board and committee

Proposed law requires that all meetings conducted in Baton Rouge by the boards of supervisors for the Louisiana State University (LSU) system, the Southern University (SU) system, the University of Louisiana (UL) system, and the Louisiana Community and Technical College (LCTCS) system or any of their committees be broadcast live over the Internet. Proposed law requires that all broadcasts be recorded, archived, and made accessible to the public for at least one year after the meeting date. Proposed law does not apply to executive sessions held in accordance with the La. Open Meetings Law (R.S. 42:11 et seq.). Proposed law provides that if any of the boards are precluded from fulfilling the requirements of proposed law due to a technical problem beyond its control, or when the only meeting room available lacks the equipment necessary to facilitate Internet broadcast, the failure to broadcast or record the proceedings of a meeting of the board or any of its committees shall not be construed to be a violation of proposed law. Effective January 1, 2015.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$198,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$390,000
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	\$198,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$48,000	\$390,000

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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

State general fund expenditures will increase by an estimated \$198,000 in FY15 to meet the bill’s requirements. The LCTCS will need to replace analog audio switching/mixing infrastructure with digital components to sync with captured video images. The LCTCS does not have specific estimated costs, but reports that one-time costs associated with audio infrastructure improvements to meet the bill's requirements should not exceed \$150,000 in FY15. The LSU System anticipates a minimum cost of \$48,000 per year to comply with the proposed legislation. The \$48,000 minimum annual cost is based on a three year contract with Louisiana Public Broadcasting (LPB) to record and store LSU Board meetings for viewing on the internet. The \$48,000 cost assumes LSU has adequate bandwidth through the Louisiana Optical Network Initiative (LONI). LSU may incur additional costs if the board needs additional bandwidth through LONI to meet the bill's requirements. The Southern System and the University of Louisiana System already meet the bill’s requirements.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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