

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 78** HLS 18RS 473

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Corrections	<b>Analyst:</b> Monique Appeaning
<b>Subject:</b> Hazing	

CRIME/FELONIES EG INCREASE GF EX See Note  
Amends penalties relative to the crime of hazing

Present law (R.S. 17:1801) prohibits hazing and provides for penalties. Hazing in any form, or the use of any method of initiation into fraternal organizations in any educational institution supported wholly or in part by public funds, which is likely to cause bodily danger or physical punishment to any student or other person attending any such institution is prohibited. Present law provides for a maximum fine of \$100, or a maximum imprisonment of thirty days, or both. Present law provides for individuals to be expelled from the educational institution and not permitted to return during the current session or term in which the violation occurs.

Proposed law (R.S. 14:40.8) creates the crime of hazing, provides for exceptions, definitions, and criminal penalties. Proposed law provides for certain consequences for certain acts of hazing.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in SGF expenditures in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services if a person is convicted of hazing when it results in serious bodily injury, death of the victim or results in the victim having a blood alcohol concentration of at least .25 percent by weight based on grams in or participated in the hazing of the victim. The maximum imprisonment term imposed is five (5) years, with or without hard labor.

SGF expenditures will increase by \$54.21 per offender per day if an offender is housed in a state facility or \$24.39 for a state offender housed in a local facility. An offender sentenced to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Correction Services for one year would increase SGF expenditures by \$19,786.65 (\$54.21 per day x 365 days) if housed in a state facility and \$8,902.35 (\$24.39 per day x 365 days) if housed in a local facility. Approximately 50% of state offenders are housed in state facilities and approximately 50% of state offenders are housed in local facilities.

A conviction of hazing that was not the result of serious bodily injury or death of the victim is a misdemeanor and has an indeterminable increase in expenditures for local governing authorities. The maximum imprisonment term is six (6) months at the local level.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable increase in local funds revenue as a result of potential fines for the crime of hazing. The maximum fines assessed are \$100 for any individual who engaged in or participated in hazing and \$10,000 when hazing results in the serious bodily injury or death of the victim. The potential revenue will accrue to the local governing authority.

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable increase in local funds revenue as a result of potential fines if any person serving as a representative or officer of an organization knew and failed to report that one or more of the organization's members were engaging in or participating in hazing of another person. The maximum fine assessed is \$10,000.

Proposed law also provides that organizations to which the person who engaged in or participated in the hazing activity belongs may be subject to forfeiture of any public funds received by the organization.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

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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