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Fiscal Note



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LOBBYING OR +\$320,048 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to lobbyist registration and expenditure report requirements (Item #7)

Provides for additional required information for registration of lobbyists and provides for the electronic filing and publishing of lobbyist information by the Ethics Board. Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$320,048	\$284,738	\$266,591	\$276,219	\$283,632	\$1,431,228
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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REVENUES	<u>2008-09</u>	<u>2009-10</u>	<u>2010-11</u>	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Ethics Administration Program (EAP) has indicated that it would need 2 new positions (an information systems manager and 1 clerical position) and \$320,048 to implement the proposed bill. The EAP is currently housed in space rented from the Louisiana Housing Finance Authority. The lease ends in April 2008 and the board anticipates that relocation will be necessary. The existing space is filled to capacity with the current staff. Thus additional space will be needed to house the new employees. At present, EAP has no system for storing or tracking the items required for the new reporting process called for in this bill. Therefore, the agency anticipates overhauling the existing computer system over an 18 month period. Overhauling the system entails hiring an information system manager, utilizing a professional services contract for computer programmers and purchasing 2 additional servers. This overhaul also anticipates the board maintaining the system internally. The board is requesting funding for the following expenditures: \$164,748 salaries and related benefits, \$38,400 operating expenses and supplies (includes \$15,500 for increased rental space for the new employees), \$75,000 for professional services and \$41,900 for equipment (servers, office furniture, etc.). The clerical position is needed to assist filers with electronically filing reports (i.e. setting up accounts, assigning and issuing passwords, collecting affidavits) and assisting filers with the program.

Expenditures reflected in subsequent fiscal years included removal of non-recurring equipment, a 4% increase in salaries and related benefits and a reduction in professional services expenses. The additional funding required in FY 12 and 13 is due to the scheduled replacement of the board's computer servers, which is anticipated to be replaced every three years.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The board may impose a fine for violating the provisions provided for in this bill. The board cannot predict the amount of fines that may be imposed. All fees and fines are deposited in the general fund.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House
 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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