

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**

**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 83** HLS 08RS 201

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Legislature		<b>Analyst:</b> Gordon Monk
<b>Subject:</b> Legislative Assistants use of prior public employment		

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS OR INCREASE GF See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Allows the use of prior public employment of a legislative assistant to determine the total salary available to a legislator for legislative assistants  
 The proposed legislation authorizes the use of prior employment of a legislative assistant by the state or a political subdivision to determine the total salary available to a legislator for the legislative assistant or, if the legislator employs more than one assistant, for all of the assistants.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2008-09</b>	<b>2009-10</b>	<b>2010-11</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will increase expenditures by an unknown but possibly significant amount by allowing the use of prior public employment of a legislative assistant to be used to determine the total salary available to a legislator for legislative assistants. Currently legislators may employ more than one assistant, but funding is only provided as total compensation for assistants based on the legislator's years of experience or the legislative assistant's years of experience as a legislative assistant. R.S. 24:31.5 provides a schedule for the monthly salary for legislative assistants. House and Senate accounting could not provide information regarding former public service of existing legislative assistants. The impact that this legislation may have can not be determined at this time but would result in additional spending for salaries and related benefits for an unknown number of legislative assistants.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate                      Dual Referral Rules  
 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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