

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 257 Florida Educational License Plate
SPONSOR(S): Baxley, Ambler
TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:** SB 1198

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR
1) Highway Safety (Sub)		Hammel	Miller
2) Transportation			
3) Finance & Tax			
4) Transportation & Econ. Dev. Apps. (Sub)			
5) Appropriations			

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 320.08056, F.S., requires the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to create specialty license plates that have been approved by the Florida Legislature, and to distribute annual fees collected from their sale.

In 1994, the Legislature created the Florida Educational license plate, and established an annual use fee for the plate at \$15.00. The annual use fee for the plate has not been changed since the original date of enactment.

HB 257 changes the annual use fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00 for the Florida Educational license plate. Currently about 39,000 Florida Educational license plates are sold or renewed annually generating approximately \$584,000 each year. If the same number of plates are sold or renewed next year, the bill will generate \$195,000 in additional annual use fees for educational programs.

HB 257 does not create any constitutional issues. It takes effect upon becoming law.

This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives.

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. DOES THE BILL:

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| 1. Reduce government? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Lower taxes? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Expand individual freedom? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Increase personal responsibility? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Empower families? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

For any principle that received a "no" above, please explain:

B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

In 1994, the Legislature created the Florida Educational license plate, and established an annual use fee for the plate at \$15.00. The annual use fee for the plate has not been changed since the original date of enactment.

HB 257 changes the annual use fee for the Florida educational specialty license plate from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

Currently the funds generated from the license plate are allocated to each county's respective Education Foundation in which the plate was sold. If the county does not have an Education Foundation, the funds are allocated to the respective district school board in which the plate was sold. Approximately 50 counties of the 67 counties in Florida have Education Foundations.

The funds given to the Education Foundation are allocated to mentoring programs and other student-edifying resources which the state or respective county does not cover in its general revenues. The funds allocated to the district school boards are earmarked for classroom support.

The five dollar increase would create more dollars to be allocated to the respective county Education Foundations or district school boards.

C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section1: Changes the annual use fee for the Florida Educational specialty license plate from \$15.00 to \$20.00.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues: An additional \$5.00 for each Florida Educational specialty license plate sold or renewed is allocated to district school boards in any county that does not have an Education Foundation.
2. Expenditures:
None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

Persons electing to purchase or renew the Florida Educational license plate would be required to pay an additional \$5.00.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

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III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:
None
2. Other:
None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

No exercise of rule-making authority is required to implement HB 257.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

None

IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES