

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Architecture Education and Research Fund
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SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal, or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV, AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

There are no anticipated costs or savings to state or local governmental units resulting from the proposed rule changes. The proposed rule changes clarify that proposals may include digital deliverables, awards may be used for expenses such as digital infrastructure and subscriptions, but not food or beverages, and force majeure is an acceptable excuse for failing to use an award during the year in which it was received. The proposed changes further provide a deadline for submitting the final report and clarify that failure to submit the final report, unless good cause is demonstrated, will result in forfeiture of the second installment of the award and ineligibility for future awards until the final report is submitted.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule changes have no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed changes clarify that failure to submit the final report, unless good cause is demonstrated, will result in forfeiture of the payment of the second installment of the award and ineligibility for future awards until the final report is submitted. Otherwise, there are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to affect competition or employment in either the public or private sectors.



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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

- A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

Pursuant to Act 192 of 2024 and Executive Order (EO) JML 25-038 issued April 1, 2025, the board has undertaken a review of all of its rules, including the rules in LAC 46:I.Chapter 22. It was determined that some of the rules in Chapter 22, the rules in such Chapter concerning the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund (Fund), need to be clarified and updated.

By statute, the board is authorized to allocate a percentage of all license renewal and delinquent fees each fiscal year to the Louisiana Architecture Education and Research Fund (Fund) to better prepare students for internships and future careers as architects. R.S. 37:144(G). Existing board rules regulate how architecture academic institutions submit proposals for and use awards from the Fund. Existing rules require that an award be used during the academic year it was received and that award recipients file a final report documenting how the award was spent.

The proposed rule changes (§2201(E), §2213(A)(2) and (B)(5), and §2211(I)) clarify that proposals may include digital deliverables, that awards may be used for expenses such as digital infrastructure and subscriptions but not food or beverages, and that force majeure is an acceptable excuse for failing to use an award during the year in which it was received. The proposed changes (§2215(C) and §2211(E)(3)) further provide a deadline for submitting the final report and clarify that failure to submit the final report, unless good cause is demonstrated, will result in forfeiture of the payment of the second installment of the award and ineligibility for future awards until the final report is submitted.

- B. Summarize the circumstances which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

Pursuant to Act 192 of 2024 and EO JML 25-038, the board undertook a review of its rules in LAC 46:I.Chapter 22. These rules were originally adopted in 2018 and have not been revised since. Upon review, the board determined that the rules in Chapter 22 should be updated and clarified.

No federal regulation requires adoption of the proposed rules.

- C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify amount and source of funding.

No.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ Yes. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

- D. Compliance with Act 98 of the 2025 Regular Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in either the expenditure of state funds or an economic impact involving costs to regulated entities estimated at \$200,000 or more per year or \$600,000 or more over three years?

i. _____ YES.

ii. XXX NO.

(2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, was there a fiscal note for the enacted legislation that required this action (attach documentation) AND did the fiscal note include all costs contemplated in this document?

(a) _____ YES.

(b) _____ NO.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

SOURCE	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28
State General Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-
Agency Self-Generated	-0-	-0-	-0-
Dedicated Funds*	-0-	-0-	-0-
Federal Funds	-0-	-0-	-0-
Local Funds	-0-	-0-	-0-
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-

*Specify the particular fund being impacted.

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed rule changes have no anticipated effect on the revenue collections of state or local governmental units. No revenues related to the Fund are collected by the board.

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

- A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

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- B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The board anticipates that all final reports will be submitted and, accordingly, there will be no forfeiture of any final payment and no ineligibility. However, even if a final report is not submitted, the amount of any forfeiture is impossible to measure or calculate. The amount of each award varies depending upon the proposal submitted and the review of the proposal by the board, and the recipient may avoid any forfeiture by demonstrating good cause for its failure to submit the final report.

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

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