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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 584** HLS 20RS 969  
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<b>Subject:</b> Crime Victims Reparations Fund		

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 Provides relative to the authorized uses of funds in the Crime Victims Reparations Fund

Present law provides for the Crime Victims Reparations Fund and further provides that monies in the fund that are received from the collection of unclaimed prize money as provided for in present law shall be used exclusively to pay the expenses associated with healthcare services of victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses, including forensic medical examinations.

Proposed law retains present law and further authorizes the use of such funds for the recoupment of lost earnings and the reasonable costs of administering the fund.

Proposed law provides that reasonable administration costs include salary for one full-time employee, salary for one part-time employee, equipment, operating expenses, and software support.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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>REVENUES</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law expands the allowable use of monies deposited into the Crime Victims Reparations Fund derived from unclaimed prize money as provided for in R.S. 4:176 and R.S. 27:94, 252 and 394 to be used to pay for lost earnings of victims of sexually-oriented criminal offenses as well as the reasonable costs of administering reparations for victims of these crimes to include reasonable salary costs for one full-time employee, salary for one part-time employee, equipment, operating expenses, and software support. Proposed law impacts the means of finance within the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) used to pay for existing staff and operating expenditures associated with this activity. These expenditures are currently paid from multiple means of finance (depicted as SGR in this fiscal note but also including Federal and possibly intermittent SGF expenditure support). LCLE reports it has sufficient unclaimed prize money as referenced above to cover these expenditures and shifting the costs of this activity to this source within the Fund will free up other existing moneys to pay for reparations to other eligible victims of crime.

Existing expenditures to be paid from unclaimed prize moneys in lieu of existing means of finance:

Personnel

Criminal Justice Policy Planner (Salary \$56,306 + Benefits \$19,144) = \$75,450  
 Part-time worker to process/prepare sexual violence claims for CVR Board = \$8,360

Operating Expenses

Software Support (Internet Portal for Healthcare Providers) = \$1,900  
 Phone and Internet Services = \$600  
 Miscellaneous (Indirect Costs/Financial Services) = \$200

Total annual expenditure estimates are FY 21 = \$86,828, FY 22 = \$89,528, FY 23 = \$92,666, FY 24 = \$95,930 and FY 25 = \$99,205. The outyears include a 3% salary growth rate for market rate adjustments.

NOTE: LCLE reports that it currently uses funds from SGR, the dedicated Crime Victims Reparations Fund, and Federal grant monies to pay lost earnings claims for victims of sexually-oriented crimes and to employ necessary personnel to process corresponding claims from both healthcare providers and victims themselves. Proposed law allows LCLE to utilize the portion of the Crime Victims Reparations Fund derived from unclaimed prize monies for these expenses, in addition to the existing costs allowable in present law associated with healthcare services for victims of sexually-oriented crimes including forensic medical examinations.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate  
 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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