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Creates an environmental health surveillance system

Proposed law expresses legislative intent to develop an Environmental Health Surveillance System (EHSS) and authorizes the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH), on or before July 1, 2003, in consultation with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and cooperation with the Board of Regents, to create a working group of technical experts with the intent to: 1) develop possible approaches to establishing the EHSS, including estimated cost for each approach; 2) prepare and submit a report to the DHH and appropriate legislative committees, by February 1, 2004, on the possible approaches to establishing the EHSS, and the recommended approach to establishing such a system for Louisiana; 3) develop the health and environmental measurements needed to establish a data base that may facilitate the examination of the relationship between chronic diseases and the environment.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 5 YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State General Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Stat. Deds./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION:
The effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure is anticipated to be minimal. Although the Department of Health and Hospitals estimates additional resources to provide for the activities of a working group, including an additional environmental health science coordinator to set up committees and write report to the legislature (\$45,266), travel (\$1,891), and equipment (\$2,000), the Legislative Fiscal Office believes that an existing employee within the Office of Public Health could coordinate these activities. As this measure is non specific on the number of panel members and authority of panel members, some minimal indeterminable costs may be required to cover travel and operational expenses.

In August, 2002, the Office of Public Health has applied for and been denied a 3 year grant totaling \$2,397,493 from the Centers for Disease Control to provide for a environmental tracking public health program. As such, the DHH and LFO are unaware of any other federal grants or other sources of funds, other than state revenues, that would cover the costs of the activities as outlined in this legislation.

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

Dual Referral Rules

- 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 per year

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