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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 414** SLS 24RS 597

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Date: April 9, 2024 | 7:17 PM | Author: BASS |
| Dept./Agy.: Department of Children and Family Services | | Analyst: Tamiko Stroud |
| Subject: Safe Haven Infant Safety Devices | | |

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Authorizes the installation and use of newborn safety devices at infant relinquishment sites designated in the Safe Haven Law. (8/1/24)

Proposed law authorizes the installation of newborn safety devices in any designated emergency care facility that is staffed continuously on a 24-hour basis, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. Proposed law designates emergency care facilities that install a newborn safety device to be responsible for 1) the cost of the installation, 2) installing an adequate dual alarm system connected to the safety device, 3) ensuring the device is cleaned and sanitized, 4) maintaining documentation of the testing of alarm system and cleaning of device, 5) installing a card holder with Safe Haven information, and 6) adopting written policies for receiving newborns who have been relinquished into safety devices.

| EXPENDITURES | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| State Gen. Fd. | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
| State Gen. Fd. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Local Funds | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation is anticipated to increase Local Funds expenditures by an indeterminable amount as a result of local entities being responsible for the installation costs of the newborn safety device and other requirements. The newborn safety devices have an estimated cost of \$20,000 per device, which includes installation, electrical and alarm system hookup, and staff training. To the extent local facilities are designated as Safe Haven locations, they will be responsible for purchasing and installing the newborn safety devices.

The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is the lead agency for Safe Haven law, and the LA Department of Health (LDH) is a member of the Safe Haven Consortium and works closely with DCFS on Safe Haven implementation. This measure would require DCFS to modify Safe Haven informational cards to be stocked within the safety device's card holder. The department expects the cost of brochures to be minimal and can be absorbed within its existing resources.

In addition, information on the DCFS's website indicates there are three (3) emergency care facilities operated by LDH and designated as Safe Haven locations for the state - Central Louisiana State Hospital, Eastern Louisiana Mental Health System, and Villa Felicia Medical Complex. The Legislative Fiscal Office has requested information from LDH to verify that these listed hospitals are actually designated as Safe Haven locations. To the extent the three state facilities are designated as such, this proposed legislation would require each facility to install a newborn safety device at their campus.

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 >= \$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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