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Provides with respect to the creation of a commission for the purpose of reviewing and recommending funding for criminal justice needs.

Proposed law establishes the Criminal Justice Priority Funding Commission Program in Louisiana. The program aims to provide grant funding for priority projects related to juvenile detention facilities, adult correctional facilities, law enforcement facilities, crime labs, criminal justice data integration, and other criminal justice priorities. The 12-member Commission will review applications and make funding recommendations to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB). The program will be administered by a working panel that reviews and rates applications before submitting recommendations to the commission. JLCB has the final approval on grant awards, but the commission can make adjustments to awards under certain circumstances without further JLCB approval. The proposed law creates the Criminal Justice Priority Fund to provide grant funding for the program. Grant recipients must comply with audits performed by the legislative auditor.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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

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Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Annual Total

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The bill is anticipated to significantly increase SGF expenditures in FY 25 and future fiscal years associated with implementing, monitoring, and managing the Criminal Justice Priority Funding Commission Program. The bill requires the Division of Administration (DOA) to submit a proposal outlining administrative costs for the program to the Commission for review and approval prior to implementing the program. The commission then makes a recommendation to the JLCB for funding the administrative costs. DOA's preliminary budget estimate is \$1 M in the first two years to contract with outside consultants to implement the program and ongoing annual costs of \$75,000 to maintain the program. DOA will contract with consultants to receive, analyze, rate, and track all applications for project funding, provide outreach and educational efforts statewide, maintain updates to FPC's website, track, and account for the use of monies within the Criminal Justice Priority Fund, coordinate the use of monies that may exist outside of the fund to be used in conjunction with the fund.

This bill establishes the Criminal Justice Priority Funding Commission. The commission consists of 12 members, eight (8) legislators, and four (4) other members. To the extent that the Committee meets outside of session, legislators will receive per diem and travel expenses. The current legislative per diem is \$166 and the cost of related benefits (7.65% FICA tax) is approximately \$13 for a daily cost of approximately \$179 or \$1,432 (\$179 X 8 members) per day.


The proposed law creates the Criminal Justice Priority Fund. Creating a new statutory dedication within the state treasury will result in a marginal workload increase for the Department of Treasury, which can generally be absorbed within existing resources. However, to the extent other legislative instruments create new statutory dedications, there may be material additional costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds. The Treasury performs fund accounting, financial reporting, banking, and custodial functions for 443 special funds. When unable to absorb additional workload with existing resources, the Treasury anticipates it will be required to add one T.O. position at a total personnel services cost of approximately \$95,000, plus approximately \$2,450 for a one-time purchase of office equipment. These expenditures are assumed to be SGR in this fiscal note.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Proposed law creates the Criminal Justice Priority Fund but does not provide a recurring source of revenues.

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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