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CRIMINAL/VICTIMS

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Provides relative to witness or victim notification

Proposed law directs the Department of Public Safety and Corrections to create and administer a comprehensive victims’ services system and to promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, and to ensure it is in operation no later than 7/01/26; declares the need to establish a comprehensive Crime Victims’ Bill of Rights and outlines the rights of crime victims or designated family members; provides that a defendant shall not have standing to challenge the outcome of a case pursuant to a violation of a victim’s rights; effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action; requires the sheriff, highest ranking employee of the sheriff’s office, or the person acting on behalf of the sheriff who is physically present to immediately notify or take necessary steps to ensure that notification is provided to every law enforcement agency, local media outlet, or any known witness or victim of a crime for which an escaped inmate was imprisoned, regarding an inmate who has escaped or left from the premises of a facility without authority, by the most reasonable and expedient means available (or if his recapture, no later than one day after the sheriff learns of his recapture).

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	(\$635,022)	\$514,612	\$534,371	\$554,920	\$968,881
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will likely result in a net increase of \$3.8 M SGF expenditures in FY 26 for the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) to create (in conjunction with the Office of Technology Services) and administer a comprehensive victims’ services system, and promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act by 7/01/26. Proposed law will result in a net decrease in SGF expenditures due to the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement no longer administering the existing Crime Victims’ Reporting System. Estimates for FY 26 and future fiscal years are, as follows:

	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30
OTS	\$ 3,338,250*	\$ 20,650	\$ 20,650	\$ 20,650	\$ 20,650
DPS&C	\$ 456,956	\$ 474,964	\$ 493,962	\$ 513,721	\$534,270
LCLE	\$ 1,130,616	(\$ 1,130,616)	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	\$ 4,925,822	(\$ 635,022)	\$ 514,612	\$534,371	\$554,920

*See explanation and note on page two

Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement

Proposed law will likely result in a \$1.1 M decrease (\$633,077 SGF and \$497,539 Federal Funds) in the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement (LCLE) in FY 27, to the extent that its enactment results in a reduction in operational expenses and expenses for personal services related to the Crime Victims Notification System. LCLE currently holds a three-year contract (valued at \$2.8 M) with a vendor for the maintenance of the Crime Victims Notification System, currently managed by one Law Enforcement Training Consultant. Moreover, LCLE incurs approximately \$12,653 in annual operating expenses for the Crime Victims Notification System. Proposed law would essentially remove the necessity for the existing Crime Victims Notification System (as that responsibility would shift to the Department of Public Safety & Corrections), reducing the related expenditures in LCLE as follows:

Personal Services	FY 26
Salaries	\$ 71,000
Benefits	\$ 51,885
Operating Expenses	\$ 12,653
Professional Services	\$995,078
	\$1,130,616

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in a \$497,539 Federal revenue decrease in FY 26 in the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement related to funding allocated to pay the required 50% match for receipt of Federal Victim of Crimes Act (VOCA) funds (\$497,539). With the proposed law, in future fiscal years, LCLE will sustain revenue losses of \$479,539 from Federal VOCA funding. This federal funding secured through the commitment of the 50% SGF match can potentially be secured by the Department of Public Safety & Corrections, should the agency seek Federal VOCA funds in future fiscal years.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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Division of Administration (Office of Technology Services)
Proposed law will likely result in a \$3.4 M SGF increase in expenditures in FY 26 in the Division of Administration - Office of Technology Services (OTS), to the extent that it requires the development of a comprehensive victims’ notification system. OTS anticipates that the proposed law will require an increase in expenditures in professional services to secure several contracted personnel and test system infrastructure, as follows:

FY 26	Number	Hourly Rate	Hours	Total Cost
Professional Services				
Scrum Master	1	\$150	2,080	\$312,000
Business Analyst	2	\$120	3,120	\$748,800
Designer	1	\$150	1,040	\$156,000
Architect	1	\$150	2,080	\$312,000
Senior Developer	1	\$150	2,080	\$312,000
Developer	2	\$150	4,160	\$1,248,000
QA Tester	1	\$110	2,080	\$228,800
				\$3,317,600
Infrastructure				\$ 17,175
Text Messaging Costs				\$ 3,475
Total Cost (FY 26)				\$3,338,250

Note: In the House Committee on Appropriations meeting on 5/19/25, testimony was provided advising of existing ICJIS (Integrated Criminal Justice Information Systems) funding approved at the 3/20/25 meeting of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget based on a recommendation from the Criminal Justice Priority Funding Commission. To the extent that the \$5 M approved for ICJIS (for purposes consistent with Act No. 587 of the 2024 RS) funding is used to absorb the cost associated with the development of a comprehensive victims’ notification system, the expenditures reported by OTS may already be addressed by an existing means of finance.

Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS)
Proposed law will likely result in an increase of \$456,696 in SGF expenditures in FY 26 in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services (DPS&C-CS) related to securing personnel to administer the new Victim Reporting System contemplated, along with projected travel, equipment, and operating services. Future fiscal years are annualized with increases at a rate of 4% for each fiscal year, as follows:

	Number	Salary	Total Salary	Related Benefits	Total FY 26
Personal Services					
Admin. Coordinator I	1	\$29,640	\$29,640	\$11,856	\$41,496
Admin. Program Specialist B	3	\$59,467	\$178,401	\$71,360	\$249,761
Admin. Program Director	1	\$89,274	\$89,274	\$35,710	\$124,984
			\$297,315	\$118,926	\$416,241
Travel					\$ 6,705
Equipment					\$ 7,500
Supplies/Operating Services					\$ 26,250
					\$456,696
FY 27		\$474,964			
FY 28		\$493,962			
FY 29		\$513,721			
FY 30		\$534,270			

* These totals assume that personnel hired to administer the Victim Reporting System will be secured at the beginning of FY 26. To the extent that personnel are not hired for the entirety of FY 26, expenditures related to securing personnel may decrease.

Sheriffs
Proposed law may result in an increase in workload and associated Local Funds expenditures in Sheriffs, for Sheriffs to comply with notice requirements to impacted parties of inmates who escape from facilities where they are imprisoned or their recapture. The exact fiscal impact to Sheriffs is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of incidents in which these notice requirements will be executed or if these measures necessitate the securing of any additional personnel.