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HEALTH SERVICES OR +\$110,433 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides relative to psychedelic-assisted therapy. (8/1/26)

Proposed law establishes the Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Program within the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Behavioral Health (OBH). The purpose of this program shall be: (1) to assist academic health centers in conducting clinical studies for use of psychedelic-assisted therapy for the treatment of opioid use disorders, co-occurring substance use disorders, and treatment-resistant neurological or mental health conditions, and (2) to utilize the human service districts and authorities to identify eligible patients to participate in the studies. Proposed law requires LDH to approve academic health centers to participate in the program if a center has submitted documentation ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations. Proposed law requires LDH to establish a process to allow parishes to utilize opioid settlement funds to enroll eligible patients in the parish to participate in the studies. In addition to opioid settlement funds, LDH may seek monies from other sources, including federal funds, gifts, grants, and donations. Proposed law requires each academic health center participating in the program to submit a progress report to LDH, no later than January first of each year. Proposed law requires LDH to determine the data required for the report, prepare a compiled report of data received from academic health centers, and submit the report to the legislature by February first of each year. Proposed law authorizes LDH and academic health centers to coordinate with other states that are conducting clinical trials for use of psychedelic-assisted therapy.
 Effective August 1, 2026.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$110,433	\$147,928	\$152,067	\$146,328	\$150,718	\$707,474
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	\$110,433	\$147,928	\$152,067	\$146,328	\$150,718	\$707,474
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to increase SGF expenditures by \$110,433 in FY 27 for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Behavioral Health (OBH). This amount includes \$100,433 for the addition of one (1) Program Manager 1A T.O. position for nine months and \$10,000 in associated operating expenses. This position will be responsible for establishing the Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Program within OBH, including administrative setup, oversight, and coordination with the human service districts and authorities.

Personnel Costs (\$100,433 SGF):

OBH reports that salary and related benefits associated with the addition of one (1) Program Manager 1A T.O. position at the midpoint salary for nine months in FY 27 will total \$100,433. The midpoint salary for a Program Manager 1A position (AS620) is \$89,274, or \$7,439.50 per month (\$7,439.50 x 9 months = \$66,955.50). Related benefits are calculated at 50% of salaries (\$66,955.50 x 50% = \$33,477.75). The salary is annualized to 12 months and a 3% annual growth factor is applied to FY 28 and subsequent fiscal years.

Operating Expenses (\$10,000 SGF):

Operating expenses include travel-related costs to facilitate oversight of the Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Program with the human service districts and authorities, including mileage, meeting venues, lodging, and per diem during the first three years of implementation.

Note: The LFO is unable to corroborate the estimated staffing level, operating expenses, and contract costs projected by LDH. While the LFO acknowledges that proposed law will result in increased workload for LDH, to the extent the required staffing levels may be lower or higher, corresponding operating costs would shift accordingly. To the extent that a portion or all of the prescribed duties can be absorbed by existing staff and resources, a portion of the projected costs may be mitigated. Should additional information regarding estimated expenditures become available, this fiscal note will be updated.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO

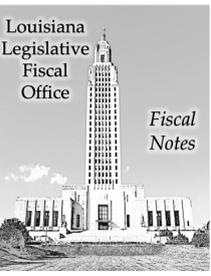
REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law allows parishes to use opioid settlement funds to enroll eligible residents in clinical studies. In addition to opioid settlement funds, LDH may seek and accept voluntary funds from any source, including federal funds, gifts, grants, and donations, to support expenditures related to the Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy Program. It is unclear whether LDH may be able to secure sufficient alternative funding sources to fully offset its reported expenditures.

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 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
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EXPENDITURES

	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
Position					
LDH - Program Manager 1A	\$100,433	\$137,928	\$142,067	\$146,328	\$150,718
Operating Expenses	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0	\$0
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Expenditures	\$110,433	\$147,928	\$152,067	\$146,328	\$150,718
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