

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 470** SLS 26RS 822

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> LDH and Judiciary		<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet
<b>Subject:</b> Pregnancy Testing and Pregnant Women in Custody		

HEALTH CARE EG INCREASE LF EX See Note  
Provides relative to pregnant women in custody. (gov sig)

Current law prohibits use of restraints on pregnant women during childbirth or while being transported to a medical facility or the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women, with certain exceptions; allows suspension of sentences and probation for individuals convicted of certain noncapital felonies; requires courts to provide weight to certain conditions in determining the suspension of sentence or probation. Proposed law clarifies pregnancy and postpartum recovery as times during which rules on use of restraints on pregnant women apply; requires every state and local correctional facility to offer a pregnancy test to any woman arrested and taken into custody during the intake process; authorizes courts to consider whether the defendant is pregnant at the time of sentencing and whether participation in a prenatal care, residential treatment, or substance use disorder treatment program would serve judicial and public safety interests; adds considering whether a defendant is pregnant at the time of sentencing and if an alternative sentence involving community-based supervision and participation in prenatal care, maternal health, or substance use disorder treatment program would be appropriate; establishes sentencing considerations and conditions of probation for pregnant defendants; requires LDH to identify available pregnancy test funding sources and to provide courts a list of publicly and privately available programs satisfying the proposed law's requirements.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	

**Annual Total**

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in Local Funds expenditures associated with requiring local correctional facilities to offer pregnancy tests to all women arrested and taken into custody during the intake process at every local correctional facility. While the Department of Public Safety and Corrections-Corrections Services already offers pregnancy tests for female inmates, local facilities do not currently offer pregnancy tests. The exact fiscal impact to Local governing authorities is indeterminable, because it is unknown the number of annual admissions made in local facilities for women arrested and taken into custody, or the number of those women arrested and taken into custody who are pregnant during the intake process. Additionally, the costs of pregnancy tests are variable in nature.

*The LFO is working with Sheriffs to obtain statistical information regarding the number of women arrested and taken into custody at every local correctional facility on an annual basis. This information will be provided, as it becomes available.*

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

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

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

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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