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Subject: Precancer Screenings for Firefighters and Fire Service Employees		

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 Provides for cancer screenings for firefighters and fire service employees. (8/1/26)

Proposed legislation requires that firefighters and fire service employees undergo precancer screenings or testing every 10 years, beginning after their first 10 years of employment and continuing at 10-year intervals thereafter. Proposed law provides that, effective January 1, 2027, precancer screenings for esophageal cancer shall be made available to all firefighters and fire service employees, scheduled in accordance with current law, and shall cease in all cases upon reaching age 60. Proposed legislation provides that any firefighter or fire service employee who retires from active service, including a firefighter or fire service employee who retires due to a disability, shall be provided precancer screening examinations by his former employer. Proposed law provides that all costs associated with precancer screening examinations shall be paid by the firefighter's or fire service employee's employer or former employer. Proposed law provides that no firefighter or fire service employee shall be required to participate in precancer screening examinations. Proposed measure authorizes qualified healthcare providers to conduct cancer screening examinations and precancer screenings.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is anticipated to have a significant ongoing expense for municipal and parish fire departments, fire protection districts, and non-profit corporations that employ firefighters and fire service employees in Louisiana associated with precancer screenings for certain firefighters and fire service employees, and retirees. Proposed law provides that precancer screenings for esophageal cancer shall be made available to all firefighters and fire service employees and shall terminate at age sixty. The LFO interprets the proposed law, effective 1/01/27, to make firefighters and fire service employees with 10 years of service as of that date eligible for precancer screenings for esophageal cancer.

Proposed law mandates precancer screenings for an estimated 6,000 firefighters, fire service employees, and retirees in Louisiana. The associated costs, including the full cost of screenings for uninsured individuals and co-pays, deductibles, and increased insurance premiums for insured individuals, must be entirely covered by the employers (municipal and parish fire departments, fire protection districts, and non-profit corporations). Employees would not incur out-of-pocket expenses, and participation in the screenings would remain voluntary.


Based on information provided by the Professional Fire Fighters Association of Louisiana (PFFALA), precancer screenings purchased from Lucid Diagnostics have a group rate of \$1,200 per screening. It is estimated that each firefighter will undergo an average of 2.5 screenings over a 30-year career, beginning at an average hire age of 25. The proposed screenings could apply to approximately 6,000 firefighters. To the extent that all 6,000 firefighters participate, the total aggregate cost would be \$7.2 M. (6,000 Firefighters x \$1,200 screening = \$7,200,000).

Note: The Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI) is currently conducting an actuarial analysis to determine the extent to which private insurance costs for firefighters and fire service employees in Louisiana may increase. Upon receipt of this information, the fiscal note will be updated to reflect the estimated increase in private insurance costs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} | | <input 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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