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Subject: Domestic Violence Intervention Court Pilot Program		

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 Provides relative to a domestic violence intervention court pilot program in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court

Proposed law establishes a two-year pilot program, the Domestic Violence Intervention Court (DVIC), within the 19th Judicial District Court; provides that it shall operate as a post-adjudication specialty court for eligible defendants convicted of misdemeanor or felony offenses, including but not limited to second degree battery and other domestic abuse-related offenses; provides for voluntary program participation; provides that a defendant may consult with legal counsel prior to entering a guilty plea and being sentenced; provides that participation shall be ordered as a special condition of probation to be completed in addition to all other conditions; provides that participants must regularly appear in court, comply with case plans, and be subject to graduated sanctions and incentives; requires the DVIC to provide batterer intervention programs, clinical assessment and individualized treatment planning, substance abuse and mental health screening, and other services; authorizes victims to voluntarily participate in the DVIC and requires they receive a victim services advocate, notification of court proceedings, compliance statuses of the defendant, and information pertaining to safety planning and referrals, local domestic violence shelters, trauma-informed support groups, as well as attendance of the victim services advocate at court hearings; authorizes a victim to request GPS monitoring of the defendant and the victim to be awarded restitution, when appropriate; requires the DVIC to collect data on recidivism rates, program completion rates, compliance with protective orders, and victim safety indicators and requires a report to the legislature and Supreme Court upon conclusion of the two-year pilot program; provides for termination of the pilot program at the end of two years unless the legislature extends the program.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW				
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Nineteenth Judicial District Court

This bill may result in an indeterminable increase in state and/or local expenditures. The bill requires the Nineteenth Judicial District court to provide clinical assessment and individualized treatment planning, substance abuse and mental health screening, as well as employment readiness, housing, and transportation assistance, and case management services for those participants convicted of misdemeanor or felony domestic-abuse related offenses. While participation by those convicted is not mandatory, the proposed law requires that the 19th Judicial District Court provide the aforementioned services for all those who participate. The exact fiscal impact is indeterminable since it is not known how many offenders who are convicted will participate in the Domestic Violence Intervention Court or the related services that they will use as participants. The specific expenditures associated with the establishment of a Domestic Violence Intervention Court program are dependent upon the size and scope of the Domestic Violence Intervention Court. To the extent that the Domestic Violence Intervention Court involves hearings above the normal current court activity, the 19th Judicial District Court will likely experience an increase in expenditures. However, such costs may be mitigated, as it is possible that some of the cases that would have otherwise been heard in an existing division will now be reduced due to the entry of guilty pleas by those who participate in the program.

Louisiana Department of Health

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable impact to SGF expenditures in the Louisiana Department of Health and Local Funds expenditures, to the extent that those participants in the Domestic Violence Intervention Court receive clinical assessment and individualized treatment planning or substance abuse and mental health screenings. There could be an indeterminable increase in any state and/or federal costs associated with such treatment. This bill requires the Domestic Violence Intervention Court to provide clinical assessment and individualized treatment planning or substance abuse and mental health screenings. To the extent that those who participate in the program access a continuum of these rehabilitative services, there may be an indeterminable increase in any expenditures associated with state or locally funded treatment programs that may collaborate with the Domestic Violence Intervention Court.

For the purposes of simplicity, the potential impact of this legislation is reflected above as SGF and local funds.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 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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