

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 471** SLS 26RS 1353

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 30, 2026	4:46 PM	<b>Author:</b> HODGES
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Dept. of Children and Family Services		<b>Analyst:</b> John McKay
<b>Subject:</b> Creates the Child Welfare Death Review Panel		

CHILDREN OR NO IMPACT See Note  
Establishes the Child Welfare Death Review Panel. (1/1/27)

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Proposed legislation establishes a Child Welfare Death Review panel under the Department of Children and Family Services to review child fatalities and unexpected deaths of children under the age of 18 in the custody or care of the department. Proposed law requires the panel to obtain data and records relevant to the causes and circumstances of the deaths from providers, including health care providers, and other sources and to identify patterns and systemic problems to determine what changes, if any, should be made in service delivery. Proposed legislation becomes effective January 1, 2027.

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed legislation establishes the Louisiana Child Welfare Death Review Panel within the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), composed of sixteen (16) members.

Proposed legislation is silent on compensation for individuals appointed to the panel. This fiscal note presumes that individuals appointed to the panel will serve without compensation.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate  
 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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