

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 83** SLS 26RS 147  
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 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**  
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Provides for training to prevent human trafficking at public elementary and secondary schools and provides for victims' services. (gov siq)

Proposed legislation requires each city, parish, or other local public school board and each public charter school board to adopt policies for the prevention, identification, reporting, and assistance of human trafficking victims. Requires LDOE, in conjunction with the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention, to provide information on available training curricula to school boards. Each school must designate at least one school counselor, mental health professional, or school administrator to receive annual training on human trafficking prevention and maintain records documenting completion of the training.

Present law requires DCFS to develop a plan for identifying minor children who are victims of sex trafficking and coordinate services for such victims. Proposed legislation expands the scope of present law to apply to child and youth victims of human trafficking, including trafficking for sexual purposes, commercial sexual activity, debt bondage, and labor trafficking. Formalizes coordination among the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention, DCFS, and OJJ to implement a comprehensive strategy to prevent human trafficking and provide advocacy services. **Directs that expanded advocacy service provisions are contingent on legislative appropriation.**

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed legislation may increase expenditures for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) by an indeterminable amount to the extent the revised definition of human trafficking results in additional children and youth being identified as eligible for advocacy services.

Currently, DCFS provides advocacy services to an estimated 417 minors (under age 18) who are victims of sex trafficking. Proposed legislation expands the scope of eligible recipients to include child and youth victims of human trafficking, including trafficking for sexual purposes, commercial sexual activity, debt bondage, and labor trafficking. In addition, proposed legislation defines "youth" as individuals who are at least 18 years of age but not more than 21 years of age. These changes may increase the number of eligible recipients served through existing advocacy and care coordination contracts. For informational purposes,

For informational purposes, DCFS reports an average contractual rate of \$40.30 per victim per day and estimates that an additional 121 victims will qualify under the proposed legislation. The duration of services provided to each victim varies based on individual needs and case circumstances and could include ongoing advocacy, care coordination, and multidisciplinary support services. Any increase in expenditures will depend on the number of additional victims identified and the duration of services provided. Implementation of expanded advocacy service provisions is contingent upon legislative appropriation. For informational purposes,

While the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention will lead coordination efforts for these victims, services will continue to be delivered in collaboration with DCFS, the Office of Juvenile Justice, and other participating agencies. Proposed legislation also formalizes existing care coordination and interagency information-sharing practices by providing explicit statutory authority for care coordination teams and aligning such efforts with existing multidisciplinary investigative team protocols. Any associated fiscal impact associated with these provisions is anticipated to be minimal and administrative in nature.

Proposed legislation may result in a minimal increase in local fund expenditures if required human trafficking training cannot be incorporated into existing professional development activities; however, such costs are expected to be absorbable. Free training resources are currently available through DCFS, the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and other organizations. Local school boards and charter school governing authorities are also expected to absorb administrative costs associated with policy development, designation of trained personnel, documentation retention, and compliance reporting requirements.

**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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