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Fiscal Note



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

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Pregnancy Testing and Pregnant Women in Custody		

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

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Current law prohibits the use of restraints on pregnant women during childbirth or while being transported to a medical facility or the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women, with exceptions; allows suspension of sentences and probation for individuals convicted of certain noncapital felonies; requires courts to provide weight to certain conditions in determining suspension of a 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 if 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 from nonprofit organizations or federal grants and provide courts a list of publicly and privately available programs that satisfy requirements.

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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase of no less than \$168,000 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. Low- to high-range estimates of expenditures that would be incurred by local parish governments in providing funding for the testing of all women arrested and taken into custody during the intake process include both direct costs (bulk urine pregnancy tests) and costs related to labor in administering the tests, as follows:

	Direct Costs	Labor Costs	Bookings/Year	Total
Low	\$1	\$6	24,000	\$168,000 (\$7 * 24,000)
High	\$3	\$10	24,000	\$312,000 (\$13 * 24,000)

The Sheriff's Association assumes that there are approximately 24,000 bookings a year that would require a pregnancy test. To the extent that there are more or less bookings requiring a pregnancy test annually, costs may increase or decrease accordingly.

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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