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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 347** SLS 18RS 689

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> New Opportunities Waiver Fund		

FUNDS/FUNDING

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Provides relative to funding for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Present law provides that, in any fiscal year, 12% of all recurring state general fund, not to exceed \$50 million, shall be deposited into the New Opportunities Waiver (NOW) Fund. Present law provides that the NOW Fund shall only be used to fund the NOW Waiver program. Proposed law amends present law relative to the use of the monies in the NOW Fund and provides that the fund shall be used to provide waiver services under the NOW Waiver, Children's Choice Waiver, or any other Medicaid home and community waiver for persons with developmental disabilities.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

This measure allows the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) more flexibility in using the monies appropriated from the NOW Fund. Present law provides that the fund can only be used for NOW waivers. Proposed law provides that fund can be used for any Medicaid home and community waiver for persons with developmental disabilities.

**Note: The proposed amendment provides that LDH shall consult with the Developmental Disability Council to develop a plan for appropriations out of this fund. Additionally, the proposed amendment provides that monies in the fund shall be used to improve the capacity of the state to meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. It is unclear if this provision will impact allocations from the fund.**

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. Proposed amendment does not change the amount or specific revenue source deposited into the NOW Fund.

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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