

Subject: Workforce training pilot

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Establishes a workforce training pilot initiative to serve public assistance recipients in certain parishes

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Louisiana Community and Technical College System (LCTCS), and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) shall collaborate to design and implement a pilot workforce training and education initiative for certain public assistance recipients. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that this pilot initiative shall operate in certain regions.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	<u>2018-19</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	2020-21	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The cost of this initiative is ultimately dependent on the design of the program, which will be a collaborative effort between LWC, DCFS, LDH, LCTCS, and LDE. To the extent that it is designed as a referral program, implementing a workforce training and education initiative for certain public assistance recipients is not anticipated to have a direct material effect on governmental expenditures. Services provided through this initiative may include job referral, job support, career planning, job training, apprenticeship programs, and workforce readiness, which are currently available through LWC and LCTCS. DCFS, LDH, and LDE have limited expertise in providing these services and have indicated that they would identify and refer participants to LWC and LCTCS. Therefore, the fiscal note assumes that the five agencies, with LWC as the lead, will work together under this pilot initiative to identify public assistance recipients that would qualify for referral to LWC and LCTCS for services. Based on the number of individuals projected to be referred to LWC and LCTCS under the pilot initiative, LWC and LCTCS indicate that they have sufficient capacity to absorb the additional workload.

NOTE: This bill provides that an initiative shall be piloted in the service area regions of the Local Workforce Development Area 40, Franklin Parish Consortium, and the Ouachita Parish Workforce Investment Board. LWC estimates that pilot initiative would serve 100 voluntary participants per service area. Participants should be a recipient of any of the following public assistance: Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP), Kinship Care Subsidy Program (KCSP), Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). To the extent that this pilot is expanded to serve more regions and more participants, there may be an indeterminable increase in cost to DCFS, LDH, LDE, LCTCS, and LWC.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

