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Fiscal Note On: **HB 365** HLS 23RS 605

Bill Text Version: ENGROSSED

Opp. Chamb. Action: Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Courts in Concordia Parish

Subject: Court Fees Analyst: Courtney Stevenson

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Provides relative to fees dedicated to the operational costs of the office of coroner in Concordia Parish

<u>Purpose of Bill:</u> Current law authorizes all courts in Concordia Parish to impose a fee between \$5 and \$10 on defendants who are convicted after trial or plea guilty in criminal cases, including traffic violations. The revenue from these fees are to be used to defray the operational costs of Concordia Parish Coroner's Office. This bill amends current law to make the fee imposition mandatory.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2023-24	2024-25	<u> 2025-26</u>	2026-27	2027-28	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in local fund expenditures by the amount collected in fees as a result of this measure.

Based on information from the Concordia Parish Coroner, there may be an increase in local fund expenditures by the amount of fees collected. The Coroner plans to use the funds for training, equipment, uniforms, fuel, investigative tools, and possible salaries, if funds are available.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local fund revenues by up to \$27,000 annually.

This bill amends a court fee law created by House Bill 574 during the 2021 Regular Legislative Session. Based on information from the fiscal note for House Bill 574, the Concordia Parish Coroner, and the Village of Ridgecrest, this bill may increase revenue for the Concordia Parish Coroner's Office by up to \$27,000 annually (approximately 2,700 cases annually \$10 per case).

<u>Note:</u> The fiscal note for House Bill 574 was based on information obtained from Concordia Parish District Attorney's Office and the City/Mayors' Courts in Clayton, Ferriday, Ridgecrest, and Vidalia.

Senate <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fisca		Cost {H & S}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax (Change {S & H}	or Fee	Camian Advisan II