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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 174** SLS 25RS 362

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 17, 2025	7:47 PM	<b>Author:</b> JACKSON-ANDREWS
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Health/Public Health		
<b>Subject:</b> HIV and Syphilis Testing for Pregnant Women		<b>Analyst:</b> Anthony Shamis

PUBLIC HEALTH

OR INCREASE GF EX See Note

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Provides relative to screening pregnant women for HIV and syphilis. (gov sig)

Present law requires a physician that attends a pregnant woman for conditions relating to pregnancy to offer to take a blood sample to test for HIV and syphilis at her first examination, during her third trimester, and during labor and delivery. Present law requires a physician to take a blood sample if the woman doesn’t object. Present law provides for when a blood sample is not required for testing.

Proposed law requires every licensed physician who provides prenatal care to pregnant women to order a blood sample for testing at the first prenatal care visit, the woman’s first prenatal visit during the third trimester or as soon as possible thereafter, and at the time of labor and delivery. Proposed law provides that consent is implied unless the woman declines the testing.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may increase expenditures by an indeterminable amount in the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Medicaid program, associated with reimbursement for additional HIV and syphilis tests. Proposed law updates requirements for HIV and syphilis testing for pregnant women by removing the requirement for a physician to “offer to take a blood sample” and adding that consent is implied unless the woman declines testing.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

☐ 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}

☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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