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Fiscal Note On: **HB 478** HLS 25RS 953
Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Louisiana Department of Health		
Subject: Signs of Hope Act, Pregnancy Info in School Health Clinics		Analyst: Luis Galvan

HEALTH/SCHOOL CLINICS EG +\$270,936 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

Requires certain information about pregnancy, adoption, and neonatal care to be posted and distributed at school health centers in public high schools and student health centers on public postsecondary education institution campuses

Proposed law requires the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to design, produce, and distribute both printed signs and pregnancy help booklets for use at school health centers in public high schools and student health centers on public postsecondary education institution campuses. The signs must display a specified message with a link to LDH’s pregnancy information webpage and be printed on durable material in a large, readable font. The booklets must include: a link to LDH’s website; statements about available public and private resources; descriptions of services for pregnant and parenting women, including medical care, counseling, financial assistance, neonatal care, and parenting classes; legal information on coerced abortion (R.S. 14:87.6); details on adoption as an option, including reimbursable expenses under Ch.C. Art. 1283.2; and medically accurate anatomical and physiological information on fetal development in two-week gestational increments. LDH must also post instructions online for requesting booklets and promulgate rules and regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. Proposed law designates the Act as the “Signs of Hope Act.”

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$270,936	\$128,462	\$128,462	\$128,462	\$128,462	\$784,784
Agy. Self-Gen.						
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$270,936	\$128,462	\$128,462	\$128,462	\$128,462	\$784,784

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an increase in SGF expenditures for the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) by a minimum of \$270,936 in FY 26. Subsequently, expenditures are expected to decline to a minimum of \$128,462 annually, as signage is anticipated to be a one-time cost. Depending on the actual booklet production volume and the number of students who ultimately receive a copy, total costs could be higher (See FY 26 Maximum costs in the table below). The signs must be displayed in all patient-facing areas within public high schools and public postsecondary student health centers.


The estimated total cost for signage across affected facilities is \$142,474, based on price quotes provided by the Office of State Printing, with production to be completed by an external vendor. This estimate assumes the placement of one to three signs in the patient areas of each applicable health center. Specifically, signage costs for 378 public high school sites are estimated at \$131,998, while signage for 30 public college and university student health centers is estimated at \$10,476.

LDH anticipates increased costs for the production and distribution of printed pregnancy help booklets. For high schools, LDH estimates a total of 120,932 female students. For postsecondary institutions, LDH assumes that 50% of the 225,266 total students are female and could become pregnant. Booklet costs will vary depending on print specifications (e.g., black and white versus color, single- or double-sided). The estimated production and distribution costs for high school students range from \$66,513 to \$376,099, and for postsecondary students from \$61,949 to \$350,289, depending on the format chosen. Therefore, the total projected cost for booklet production and distribution ranges from a minimum of \$128,462 to a maximum of \$726,388 across all eligible public high schools and postsecondary education institutions. The table below summarizes the combined minimum and maximum estimated costs. Costs range exists because proposed law does not specify booklet formatting color, page layout, and the number of students that must receive a copy.

	FY 26 Minimum Cost	FY 26 Maximum Cost
Signage	\$142,474	\$142,474
Booklets	\$128,462	\$726,388
Total cost	\$270,936	\$868,862

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. The proposed law does not authorize any fees, fines, or assessments that would generate new revenue.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}	 Patrice Thomas Deputy Fiscal Officer