

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Date: May 12, 2025 | 10:24 AM | Author: JACKSON-ANDREWS |
| Dept./Agy.: Health/Public Health | | Analyst: Anthony Shamis |
| Subject: HIV and Syphilis Testing for Pregnant Women | | |

PUBLIC HEALTH

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

Present law requires a physician who 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 primary treating healthcare provider who provides routine prenatal care services, or screening to a pregnant woman to provide HIV and syphilis blood tests at her initial prenatal care visit during the woman's first trimester and the first prenatal care visit in the third trimester or as soon as possible thereafter, and at the time of labor and delivery. Proposed law provides that all testing that is provided by a healthcare provider shall be considered a medically necessary covered service by any health insurance issuer. Proposed law provides for prenatal screening for substance use disorder. The healthcare provider shall utilize a validated verbal screening tool for substance use disorder. LDH shall provide a list of approved verbal screening tools on its website. After administering screening, a licensed healthcare provider who determines that a pregnant woman is at risk of substance use disorder shall refer the woman for appropriate treatment. LDH may conduct licensing surveys for healthcare facilities to evaluate compliance.

| 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 | | | | | | |
| 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 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, as well as substance use disorder services.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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