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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 307** HLS 25RS 697
Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EN INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

Requires individuals requesting public assistance who are not United States citizens be reported to United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Proposed law requires that a state agency or political subdivision shall verify that each applicant who applies for federal, state, or local public benefits is a citizen of the United States. The state or political subdivision shall make every reasonable effort to verify an applicant’s citizenship or immigration status. Upon failure to verify citizenship or determination that the applicant is not a citizen of the United States, the state agency or political subdivision shall: (1) Refer the applicant’s information to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and (2) terminate any recurring federal, state, or local public benefits.

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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is anticipated to increase expenditures by \$380,000 in FY 26 for two agencies (Division of Administration: \$130,000 and the Department of Children and Family Services: \$250,000) and approximately \$130,000 in Federal expenditures in future fiscal years in the Division of Administration, as a result of verification/reporting of citizenship of applicants for public benefits. A detailed explanation by agencies that responded with a fiscal impact is provided below.

Division of Administration (DOA) (\$130,000 Federal)

DOA reports an anticipated increase in Federal expenditures of \$130,000 associated with the Louisiana Office of Community Development-Disaster Recovery (LOCD-DR) incurring costs associated with verification of citizenship status and ICE reporting requirements with disaster assistance programs.

An existing full-time LOCD-DR specialist position will be tasked with creating policies and procedures, ensuring implementation, and overseeing processes for compliance and reporting (estimated at 25% of workload). The estimate is based on a salary of \$60,000, plus related benefits. The total cost is estimated to be \$20,000 annually. DOA also anticipates an additional \$110,000 per year for IT related tracking and storage (\$10,000), and increased time that the state’s contracted program manager (\$100,000 to Hunt, Guillot, and Associates) is projected to spend on verifying citizenship/immigration status, increasing administrative costs.

Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) (\$90,000 SGF and \$160,000 Federal)


DCFS anticipates an increase in expenditures of \$250,000 (\$90,000 SGF and \$160,000 Federal) for one-time system updates in the Louisiana Integrated Technology for Eligibility (LITE) system for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Family Independence Temporary Program (FITAP), and Kinship Care Subsidy Program (KCSP) to verify U.S. citizenship or satisfactory immigration status along with developing a new reporting and tracking system. Note: Proposed legislation (HB 624) transfers the SNAP program from DCFS to the LA Department of Health (LDH), which may result in SGF savings realized through efficiencies of integrating IT systems.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate
☒ 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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