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Creates the Louisiana Sexual Assault Task Force

Creates the Louisiana Sexual Assault Task Force within the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General. Proposed legislation also stipulates who shall be the participants of the nineteen member task force. It requires members to meet at least once a month to examine issues relating to forensic examination of sexual assault victims and investigation of sexual assault cases. It requires the task force to report findings and recommendations to the governor, president of the Senate, and speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 2005.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 5 YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State General Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Stat. Deds./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION:

According to information provided by the Department of Justice, implementation of the proposed legislation could increase SGF expenditures by \$76,700. The department indicated that it does not have existing resources to provide support staff for the monthly meetings and report preparation of the task force, therefore, an additional assistant attorney general would need to be hired to handle the legal research required by the proposed legislation (salary and related benefits \$67,100). In addition, costs will be incurred for travel (\$500), operating services (\$6,600 for printing, postage, and miscellaneous expenses), and supplies (\$2,500).

However, it is the opinion of the LFO that the provisions of this legislation would not necessarily require hiring an assistant attorney general due to the level of expertise that will be represented by the various members of the task force and existing attorneys within the Attorney General's office. As well, the proposed legislation only contemplates that the task force meet for six months in FY 05, and employing an additional attorney for less than one year would seem unnecessary. Therefore, it is the LFO's opinion that implementation of the proposed legislation would result in a necessary increase in SGF expenditures of approximately \$9,600 to cover the costs of travel, operating expenses, and supplies.

REVENUE EXPLANATION:

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

Dual Referral Rules

Senate

- 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House

- 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost
6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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