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Fiscal Note

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CRIME/SEX OFFENSES RE INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
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 twenty-six 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. The proposed legislation stipulates that the attorney general shall serve as chairman, with duties to be established by the task force. 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 July 1, 2005. The task force shall terminate 60 days after submission of the report.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, 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. Similar structure for REVENUES.

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). During the three year period of FY 2000 through FY 2003 a total of 73 Assistant Attorneys General separated from the department, which equates to a 41% turnover rate; and the department has experienced a 42% turnover rate of Assistant Attorneys General with 15 or more years experience during this same time frame. The department is currently faced with an above average number of attorneys with little experience and expertise, and has requested a 7.5% increase in base salary for these positions for the purpose of retention and recruitment.

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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