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Fiscal Note

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Subject: Increased special costs

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Increases the special cost assessed in criminal cases in each judicial district court for the district indigent defender fund

Purpose of Bill: This bill increases the special costs provided by R.S. 15:168(B)(1) to the judicial district indigent defender funds from \$35 per case to \$45 per case. In addition, the bill provides that this increase will expire on August 1, 2014.

As required by R.S. 13:62, the additional court cost provided by the bill was reviewed by the Judicial Council, which provided the legislature with a recommendation for the court cost.

The bill also requires the Louisiana Public Defender Board to provide a report the the Legislature prior to the 2014 Regular Session detailing how the funds were utilized in each judicial district.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local fund expenditures and dedicated/other expenditures by an indeterminable amount in FY14.

An official with the Louisiana Public Defender Board (LPDB) indicated that information for the required report to the Legislature would come from the district public defenders at the local level and it is not possible to estimate the additional costs the district public defenders would incur for gathering the information.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase revenues of district public defender offices statewide through August 1, 2014.

An official with the Louisiana Public Defender Board indicated that this bill may increase the revenue of district public defender offices statewide by approximately \$5,809,000 to \$7,090,000 per year collectively through August 1, 2014, at which time the increase in court cost expires.

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} 6.8(F)1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}
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