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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 370** HLS 12RS 1117

Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: District Attorneys		
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DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

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Authorizes a district attorney to convene a multidisciplinary team in cases of prenatal addiction

Purpose of Bill: This measure authorizes District Attorneys in parishes with certain population ranges to convene a multidisciplinary team to assist in determining the appropriate disposition of cases involving pregnant women abusing controlled dangerous substances for which she does not have a valid, legal prescription. This measure applies to parishes with a population of not less than twenty-seven thousand and not more than thirty thousand (Morehouse), a population of not less than one hundred fifty thousand and not more than one hundred sixty thousand (Ouachita), and a population of not less than three hundred thousand and not more than four hundred thousand (Orleans) according to the most recent federal decennial census. The authority provided by the provisions of this Section shall exist from the time of arrest to the time of dismissal, acquittal, or conviction.

EXPENDITURES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

The proposed measure allows District Attorneys in the parishes of Morehouse, Ouachita and Orleans parishes to convene a team to assist in cases involving pregnant women using controlled dangerous substances for which she does not have a valid, legal prescription. The team may include a Louisiana board certified physician trained in obstetrics and gynecology, a licensed nursed with experience in caring for drug-exposed newborn infants, a law enforcement officer,an employee of the Department of Children and Family Services, an individual associated with a nonprofit organization, and a licensed social worker or counselor. Each member of the multidisciplinary team shall serve a term of two years.

According to an official with the 4th Judicial District Court’s District Attorney Office, local fund expenditures would be negligible and membership on the multidisciplinary team would be voluntary.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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