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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: HB 448 HLS 13RS 748
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Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Court Costs Supporting Drug/Alcohol Treatment Programs

CRIMINAL/PROCEDURE OR +\$170,000 LF RV See Note Page 1 of 1
Authorizes an increase in court costs for specific alcohol related violations in specialized divisions or sections in city or municipal courts.

Purpose of the Bill: This measure requires any court that has a drug division, DWI, or sobriety division to impose the following costs (in addition to other fines or penalties) to support recognized drug and alcohol treatment programs: (1) \$100 for a DWI violation, (2) \$100 for a violation of reckless operation of a motor vehicle, (3) \$50 for a violation of contributing to the delinquency of juveniles, improper supervision of minors by parents or custodians, or purchase, and public possession of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 years old, (4) \$25 for a violation of public drinking, public possession of alcohol, or appearing in an intoxicated condition in public, (5) \$25 for a violation of open alcoholic beverage containers in a vehicle, and (6) \$25 for all other misdemeanor convictions where the use of alcohol was a factor in a crime.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. A second table below shows REVENUES with similar columns and rows, including Local Funds at \$170,000 and an Annual Total of \$850,000.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

REVENUE EXPLANATION

According to an official with the Baton Rouge City Court, the provisions of this bill may generate approximately \$170,000 annually.

This revenue is specific to Baton Rouge City Court because it appears to be the first and only municipal court in the state that has created a specialty sobriety/DWI court (according to an official at the Court). This revenue estimate is based on an approximation of guilty pleas for the offenses listed, which occurred in the year 2012 (approximately 3,800 offenses). The official expects similar numbers will occur in future years.

Senate Dual Referral Rules House
13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} 6.8(F) >= \$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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