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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 181** SLS 13RS 401

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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR NO IMPACT GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Provides for the qualifications and duties of the medical director within the office of workers' compensation. (8/1/13)

Proposed law defines "medical director" in the Office of Workers' Compensation to mean a physician that meets the following criteria: (1) licensed to practice medicine in Louisiana; (2) chosen by the director of the Office of Workers' Compensation; and (3) full-time public employee of the Office of Workers' Compensation that will not engage in the practice of medicine outside of the Office of Workers' Compensation. Proposed law provides that the following medical treatment shall not need the approval of the medical director: (1) 12 routine office visits with injured workers' treating physician each year; and (2) frequency of prescribed physical therapy treatments as long as a total number of visits does not exceed the amount allowed until the medical treatment schedule.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation clarifies the definition and minimum qualification of the medical director position within the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC), Office of Workers' Compensation as well as prohibits the medical director from practicing medicine outside their employment within the Office of Workers' Compensation.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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