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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 301** HLS 21RS 601

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Tax Credit for Funeral Costs Pregnancy-Related Deaths		

TAX/INCOME TAX

EG -\$75,000 GF RV See Note

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Establishes an income tax credit for certain funeral and burial expenses for certain pregnancy-related deaths

Proposed law provides a refundable tax credit for funeral and burial expenses associated with a pregnancy-related death of a Louisiana resident. The amount of credit shall be the lower of actual reasonable expenses or \$5,000.

Applicable to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022.

EXPENDITURES	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	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	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$300,000)
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	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$75,000)	(\$300,000)

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Department of Revenue indicates that the costs to modify and test tax systems to incorporate an additional credit are approximately \$26,000 of staff time.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

According to the La Dept. of Health, the number of pregnancy-related deaths in Louisiana in 2016 was 14, and 15 in 2017. Using 15 as the count of deaths eligible for the credit provided by this bill, multiplied by the \$5,000 maximum credit amount, results in state fiscal exposure of some \$75,000 per year. The Department's Maternal Mortality Review Reports indicate somewhat of a rising trend of such deaths, although only modestly from 2016 to 2017, suggesting possible modest rising state fiscal exposure in future periods.

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}

6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & 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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