EXPLANATION

There may be an increase in expenditures of the Judicial College at the Louisiana Supreme Court (LSC) to provide training on ethics and on judicial and legal procedures related to mayor's courts. The Judicial College provides continuing legal education to judges and is funded through a combination of SGF and SGR. Any expenditures for the training of mayors or magistrates who preside over a mayor's court would be funded by the Judicial College.

To the extent the training is conducted virtually, the LSC reports there will be no expenditures related to the training. However, if the training is conducted in person, the expenditures will be approximately $15,000 to $20,000 for food and event rental space. The LSC reports this would require an increase in SGF appropriation. The LSC has previously held judges’ trainings both virtually and in-person; however, LSC has not decided on the format of the new training required by the proposed legislation.

There will be no fiscal impact to the Legislative Auditor’s office as a result of the proposed measure. The Auditor reports the office can provide the training utilizing existing resources.

There may be an increase in expenditures of the mayor's courts, to the extent the Louisiana Supreme Court charges the participants to offset the costs. The LSC has not decided if they will charge Mayor's courts for this training. There will be an increase in local expenditures to pay for travel if the training is held in-person.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in self-generated revenue to the Judicial College of the Louisiana Supreme Court to the extent the LSC charges mayors for the training required by the proposed legislation.