Proposed legislation requires the Louisiana Public Defender Board to enter into a contract or contracts with the University of Louisiana Monroe (ULM) to provide certain statewide training to attorneys, investigators, social worker, and staff. Requires any contracts formed with the ULM to use existing funds appropriated by the legislature.

The Louisiana Public Defender Board (LPDB) may experience increased expenditures to enter into a contract with the University of Louisiana at Monroe (ULM). ULM provided an initial estimate of $253,000, however actual amounts are indeterminable and are subject to the scope and deliverables of the final contract approved by the LPDB. For illustrative purposes, the LPDB spent $234,360 for training purposes in FY 21. The legislation requires any contract or contracts formed to use existing funds appropriated by the legislature.

ULM may receive additional but indeterminable SGR revenues as a result of entering into a contract with the LPDB. The legislation requires any contract or contracts formed to use existing funds appropriated by the legislature.