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 Establishes a continuum of care program for certain pregnant women and parents of young children

Proposed law provides for the continuum of care program. Proposed law requires that DCFS finance the continuum of care program with monies appropriated to it by the legislature for operation of the program. Proposed law provides that the continuum of care program shall provide direct services, supports, social services case management, and referrals to biological parents of unborn children and biological or adoptive parents of children under the age of two years. Proposed law stipulates that in order to be eligible to receive services through the continuum of care program, an individual shall meet certain requirements. Proposed law provides that any program participant who terminates a pregnancy shall be eligible to continue receiving services through the continuum of care program for a period of six months from the date of the pregnancy termination. Proposed law provides that DCFS shall deliver continuum of care services exclusively through electronic means using the telecare support network. Proposed law provides that the telecare support network shall not refer or assist with abortions.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,000,000
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$5,000,000

REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This measure is anticipated to increase expenditures of DCFS by approximately \$1 M in statutory dedications in FY 23 and future fiscal years associated with providing continuum of care services. The department has indicated that they will contract with a nonprofit organization to provide the services prescribed in the bill. The contract is anticipated to be \$1 M per year.

HB 406 of 2022 RLS (Funds Bill) allocates \$3 M from the Louisiana Rescue Plan into the Continuum of Care Fund. For FY 23, HB 1 of 2022 RLS (General Appropriation Bill) appropriates \$1 M from the Continuum of Care Fund to DCFS contingent on the passage of HB 406 and HB 909. The LFO assumes that the \$2 M remaining balance of the Continuum of Care Fund will be appropriated to DCFS in FYs 24 and 25 to support the continuum of care program. In FY 26 and forward, to the extent that the program continues at the same level of funding, a different source of funding will be required. This note assumes federal funds from TANF.

Note: This bill provides that the continuum of care program shall be funded with monies appropriated for this purpose, including TANF. The FY 23 TANF budget is capped at \$185 M and is already allocated to other TANF initiatives. However, over the past 5 years, DCFS has spent \$18 M on average less than its budgeted TANF allocation. To the extent that this trend continues in future years, there will be sufficient TANF funds to support the continuum of care program. This fiscal note assumes that this trend will continue. To the extent that this trend does not continue, monies will need to be reallocated from an existing TANF program or an alternative funding source will be required to support the continuum of care program.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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