

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 779** HLS 26RS 1159

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Expedited partner therapy	

HEALTH/MEDICAL TREATMENT EG SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note
Provides relative to expedited partner therapy

Present law allows licensed physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, or physician assistants to prescribe medications to treat the sexual partners of patients being treated for gonorrhea or chlamydia without examination, known as expedited partner therapy.

Proposed law retains present law and adds trichomoniasis, or other sexually associated infection, as determined by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Proposed law adds that a physician, advanced practice nurse, or physician assistant who reasonably and in good faith renders expedited partner therapy and a pharmacist who reasonably and in good faith dispenses drugs in accordance this measure shall not be subject to civil or criminal liability or be deemed to have engaged in unprofessional conduct. Proposed law requires LDH to create a list of sexually associated infections that are eligible for expedited partner therapy.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. LDH indicates that any administrative activities associated with the development and maintenance of a list of sexually associated infections eligible for expedited partner therapy, and any associated rulemaking activities, can be absorbed within existing staff and resources.

Proposed law does not mandate treatment and only expands the scope of infections for which healthcare providers may prescribe expedited partner therapy.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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