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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 182** HLS 26RS 264
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
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 Provides relative to victims of sexual assault

Present Law requires all licensed hospitals and healthcare providers to provide sexual assault survivors with information about available treatment and to follow specified procedures when a survivor presents for care. It also requires timely examination and treatment in a private setting by a qualified healthcare provider and access to an advocate when available.

Proposed law requires that all licensed hospitals with an emergency department to maintain and make available a qualified healthcare professional to provide treatment and forensic examinations to victims of sexual assault during the emergency department's hours of operations. It defines a qualified healthcare professional as a physician, sexual assault nurse examiner, or other healthcare practitioner licensed, certified, registered, or authorized and trained to perform forensic medical examinations. Proposed legislation shall be effective on 8/01/2028.

| EXPENDITURES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 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 | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,000,000 | \$4,092,000 | \$4,186,116 | \$12,278,116 |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$4,000,000 | \$4,092,000 | \$4,186,116 | \$12,278,116 |

| REVENUES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 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 | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to result in an estimated \$4 M statewide increase in local expenditures for public rural hospitals within parish hospital service districts in FY 29 and increasing in subsequent fiscal years. Proposed law mandates that all licensed hospitals with an emergency department maintain and make available a qualified healthcare professional during all hours of operation to provide treatment and conduct forensic medical examinations for sexual assault victims.


Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJAL) estimated the expenditure increase based on the following assumptions:
 (1) \$100,000 per hospital maximum annual cost (national estimate) to meet the requirements of proposed law. The cost may include: maintaining trained on-call personnel, training and certification programs, administrative and evidence handling infrastructure, and overhead not covered by exam reimbursement.
 (2) A midpoint estimate of 40 public rural hospitals is used, based on a range of 35 to 45 facilities reported to have emergency departments and be impacted by the requirements of the proposed law.

FY 29 annual cost of \$4,000,000 = \$100,000 per hospital x 40 facilities.
 The estimated cost in subsequent fiscal years includes an annual inflation rate of 2.3% consistent with long-range Consumer Price Index (CPI) forecast.

Note: The LFO is unable to corroborate the estimated costs projected by PJA. To the extent that a portion or all of the cost can be absorbed by existing resources, or that some hospitals meet the requirements of proposed law with existing resources, a portion of the projected costs may be mitigated. Should additional information regarding estimated expenditures become available, this fiscal note will be updated.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. PJAL reports that no additional revenue will be generated as a result of this legislation. Without a source of state funding, local governments would be required to identify, shift, or create a financing mechanism to pay for increased cost.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | Alan M. Boxberger Legislative Fiscal Officer |