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<b>Subject:</b> Prohibit Religious, Preg & Baby Care Initiative Contractors	

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Prohibits a contractor or subcontractor of the Louisiana Pregnancy and Baby Care initiative from conditioning services on religious requirements

Proposed law prohibits program general contractors or subcontractors from qualifying for the LA Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative if the contractors or subcontractors condition a client's receipt of any services or products on a requirement that clients attend classes and watch videos that include religious instruction or require attendance at religious services. Proposed law requires the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to investigate a contractor or subcontractor alleged to be in violation when it receives a complaint, which includes the following: (1) accept and retain written evidence including written confirmation of receipt; (2) status updates to complainant; (3) notify the contractor/subcontractor of complaint; (4) determine that a violation constitutes grounds for ineligibility, suspension, termination, or nonrenewal of any contract, grant, or cooperative endeavor agreement; and (5) provide written notice within 90 days of any action taken against the contractor or subcontractor operating the program determined to be in violation to all interested parties. Proposed law requires any contractors or subcontractors that fail to comply to be prohibited from state funding for 90 days.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may increase SGF and Federal (TANF) expenditures in the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to conduct an investigation of contractors of the LA Pregnancy and Baby Care Initiative (PBCI) program. Proposed law prohibits contractors that receive state grants under the PBCI program from conditioning a client's receipt of services or products on the requirement that the client attend religious services or attend classes and watch videos that include religious instruction. Upon receipt of a written complaint from the public, the proposed law requires DCFS to do the following: (1) respond to each complaint in writing; (2) investigate contractors that have allegedly violated this prohibition; (3) provide status updates; (4) notify the contractor of a complaint against them; (5) determine if a violation occurred, take specific action for substantiated violations; and (6) provide written notice to all interested parties of any action taken within 90 days of said action.

In FY 26, through the PBCI program, DCFS contracts with 12 pregnancy centers. DCFS reports that proposed law will increase expenditures by \$86,058 and one (1) T.O. position in FY 27 with a 4% increase in salaries for market rate adjustments and related benefits in future fiscal years as a result of conducting investigation into contractors of the PBCI program for prohibited religious instruction. The new Fraud Investigator 1 position (\$58,448 salary and \$33,579 related benefits) would conduct the investigation process into all PBCI contractors alleged to be in violation of the proposed law. Other recurring costs include supplies (\$500) and one-time expenditures in FY 27 and FY 31 for computer equipment and IT related costs (\$1,200). In subsequent fiscal years, the fiscal note presumes recurring supplies of \$230 and a 4% increase in salaries for market rate adjustments and related benefits as the LFO presumes the position will be classified. See the table below for expenditure.

Expenditures	FY 26-27	FY 27-28	FY 28-29	FY 29-30	FY 30-31	Total
Salaries	\$53,577	\$60,786	\$63,217	\$65,746	\$68,376	\$311,703
Related Benefits	<u>\$30,781</u>	<u>\$34,922</u>	<u>\$36,319</u>	<u>\$37,772</u>	<u>\$39,283</u>	<u>\$179,076</u>
Sub-total	\$84,358	\$95,708	\$99,536	\$103,518	\$107,659	\$490,779
Supplies	\$500	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$230	\$1,420
IT/Equipment	<u>\$1,200</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,200</u>	<u>\$2,400</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$86,058</u></b>	<b><u>\$95,938</u></b>	<b><u>\$99,766</u></b>	<b><u>\$103,748</u></b>	<b><u>\$109,089</u></b>	<b><u>\$494,599</u></b>

***Since there are only 12 contractors, the LFO cannot corroborate the increased workload predicted by DCFS that requires an additional position. To the extent the additional workload is less than what DCFS anticipates, it may be absorbable, either wholly or partially, using existing positions and resources, or may be achievable without an additional position.***

**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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