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Subject: Establishes the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program		

VETERANS EG DECREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Establishes the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program

Proposed law creates the Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program; defines the term "veteran" and provides the requirements for program eligibility; provides for the release of eligible veterans after serving 10 years of the term or terms of imprisonment in actual custody and upon attaining at least 40 years of age, and further provides the requirements for eligible veterans to maintain eligibility in the program; provides for the establishment of minimum security transitional facilities for eligible veterans; and provides for the distribution of wages earned by the inmate and caps the deductions at 33%.

Proposed law creates a Veteran Mentor Screening Panel to determine whether eligible veterans can serve as mentors and provides for membership of the panel.

EXPENDITURES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable decrease in SGF expenditures for the Department of Public Safety & Corrections - Corrections Services (DPSC-CS) as veterans that participate in the Post-Conviction Veteran's Mentor Program will be moved to either transitional housing or probation and parole based upon the assumption that veteran participants can be placed in existing transitional facilities. The maximum daily cost for transitional housing is \$14.39 per day, and the average daily cost for probation and parole is \$2.68 per day.

For participants that are transferred to transitional housing, SGF expenditures will decrease by \$39.82 (\$51.21 - \$14.39) per offender per day if the participant is housed in a state facility or \$10 (\$24.39 - \$14.39) per offender per day if the participant is housed at a local facility. A participant transferred from a state facility would decrease SGF expenditures by \$14,534 per year (\$39.82 per day * 365 days), while a participant transferred from a local facility would decrease SGF expenditures by \$3,650 per year (\$10 per day * 365 days).

For participants that are transferred to probation and parole, SGF expenditures will decrease by \$48.63 (\$51.21 - \$2.58) per offender per day if the participant is housed in a state facility or \$21.81 (\$24.39 - \$2.58) per offender per day if the participant is housed at a local facility. A participant transferred from a state facility would decrease SGF expenditures by \$17,750 per year (\$48.63 per day * 365 days), and a participant transferred from a local facility would decrease SGF expenditures by \$7,961 per year (\$21.81 per day * 365 days).

Based on data received from DPSC-CS, the LFO believes there may be more than 20 offenders that may be eligible to participate in the Post-Conviction Veteran's Mentor Program. DPSC-CS assumes participants can be placed in existing transitional facilities.

Proposed law creates the Veteran Mentor Screening Panel consisting of representatives from the Louisiana District Attorneys Associations, Louisiana District Judges Association, Louisiana Sheriffs' Associations and the Louisiana, and the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, and the chairmen from the House Judiciary Committee and the Senate Judiciary B Committee. Proposed law does not indicate whether or not panel members are entitled to per diem or reimbursed expenses. To the extent that panel members would be eligible to receive any per diem or reimbursed expenses, expenditures related to the Veterans Mentor Screening Panel would increase by an indeterminable amount and offset a portion from the potential savings derived from the Post-Conviction Veteran's Mentor Program.

Note: To the extent that DPSC-CS will create or establish new stand-alone facilities for veteran participants, the proposed bill may result in a significant increase in expenditures.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law requires DPSC-CS to facilitate work opportunities for participants. Transitional facilities may deduct room, board and other administrative costs from the wages of an employed participant. Under other work programs, transitional facilities can deduct up to 75% of participant wage earnings for room, board and other administrative costs. These revenues are coded as local funds in cases where transitional facilities are operated by local law enforcement entities. The program prescribed by proposed law caps such wage deductions at 33% for this population. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input 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}

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For each offender that is released to parole at an earlier date, the DPSC-CS could collect up to \$63 per month SGR from each offender under parole supervision. It should be noted that the maximum amount paid per month is \$63 and the offender's ability and amount he is required to pay is determined by Probation and Parole.

Senate Dual Referral Rules

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13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

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