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Provides relative to Baton Rouge City Court probation officers

Purpose of Bill: This bill authorizes the clerk of court and judicial administrator of the Baton Rouge City Court to commission probation officers. These officers will be required to complete a certified Peace Office Standards and Training (POST) program and, upon successful completion, shall be considered Louisiana peace officers and commissioned probation officers. The bill also provides for the power and authority of these officers and provides that the Baton Rouge City Court Probation division will be a law enforcement agency.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 5 -YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total. All values are \$0 or SEE BELOW.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase annual state general fund expenditures to provide state supplemental pay to 6 officers, and increase local fund expenditures for the Baton Rouge City Court related to POST certification costs.

Officials with the Baton Rouge City Court indicated that this bill generally puts the current practice of the Court into law. The Court has already hired 3 officers and intends to hire 3 more officers for a total of 6 officers. These positions have already been budgeted for by the City, and these officers already carry out the functions as provided for in the bill.

However, these officials indicated that the bill allows the officers to become POST certified, which could involve providing training to officers that are not POST certified or who have let their certifications lapse. The total training cost for existing officers could be \$1,200. The total training for the 3 officers that have yet to be hired may vary from \$0 to \$2,550. Therefore, Court expenditures may increase by \$1,200 to \$3,750 to provide training to officers.

An official with the Louisiana Department of Public Safety (DPS) indicated that the officers provided for in this bill would be eligible for state supplemental pay due to being POST-certified Louisiana peace officers and commissioned probation officers and because they will be employed by a law enforcement agency. Supplemental payments could increase state general fund expenditures by \$6,000 annually per officer. If 6 officers receive state supplemental pay, this could increase state general fund expenditures by \$36,000 annually (\$6,000 annually per officer x 6 officers). However, the officials with the Baton Rouge City Court indicated that the Court does not intend to request supplemental pay for these officers.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Officials with the Baton Rouge City Court indicated that this bill only generally puts the current practice of the Court into law, including the powers and authority of the Court's probation officers. Therefore, there is no expected change to governmental revenue due to this bill.

- 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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