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 Creates the Louisiana COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force (gov sig) (Item #40)

Proposed law creates the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force within the Office of the Governor to address health equity in Louisiana, serve as a foundation and resource for addressing health care disparities in vulnerable populations, and contribute to the progression and improvement of Louisiana’s health care rankings; provides for membership; provides for duties and structure; provides that task force members shall serve without compensation; limits the source of funding for the task force to any public or private donations, gifts, or grants from individuals, corporations, nonprofit organizations, or other entities and any other monies which may be provided by law; provides that the task force shall continually review the provisions of proposed law for the purposes of determining whether revisions and updates are needed and make recommendations to the legislature for any necessary legislation; provides for reporting; provides for a termination date on December 31, 2030; and provides for effective date.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW					
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW					
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW					
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Executive Office reports that it anticipates requiring two additional T.O. positions at an annual salary of \$70,000 each (total expenditures of \$200,000 including related benefits and operating costs). These positions would be necessary to carry out the provisions and support functions of the newly created COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force. The LFO is unable to corroborate the need for two additional T.O. positions but cannot quantify the workload that may be necessitated by the actions of the Task Force prior to its formation or the frequency of prospective meetings. To the extent the Task Force meets and/or generates a workload impact with regard to support functions, the necessity of two T.O. positions may be over or understated.

There are no other anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law provides that members of the COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force shall be selected by the governor and comprise representatives assigned from relevant and interested state and private agencies and other relevant and interested parties, including at a minimum representatives from seven specified entities as well as representatives from the schools of nursing at all Louisiana universities.

Proposed law provides that members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but employees of governmental entities would likely qualify for reimbursement of travel expenses from their appointing authority as allowed by law (agencies use all means of finance to fund such expenses). These costs will vary depending upon the residence of task force members and the location and frequency of meetings, but are not expected to be significant. While there may be costs for the Executive Office to conduct such meetings, including costs to produce materials, they are not expected to be material. The LFO assumes the Executive Office will be able to absorb such costs within the existing operating budget.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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