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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 63** SLS 22RS 64
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
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 Sub. Bill For.:

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CHILDREN/FAMILY SERVICES DEPT EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides for the jurisdiction and authority of the Department of Children and Family Services. (gov sig)

Proposed law provides that DCFS shall identify and assess all reports of alleged abuse and neglect involving a child known or suspected to be a victim of sex trafficking and coordinate with law enforcement, the juvenile justice system, other state agencies, and healthcare service providers to provide comprehensive services for children who are sex trafficking victims, regardless of whether there is alleged parental or caretaker culpability.

Proposed law provides for required actions by DCFS when a child has been identified as a victim of sex trafficking which include making referrals to needed services, conducting face-to-face visits and telephone contacts with the family, and educating the parents or other caretakers about possible high risk behaviors associated with sex trafficking victims.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will significantly increase SGF (75%) and Federal (25% Title VI-E) expenditures at DCFS to provide services to sex trafficking victims. This bill creates a new population of individuals that will be eligible for services through DFCS. The LFO anticipates that DCFS' workload will increase related to providing services to victims as indicated in the bill, such as family assessments, providing education to parents and caretakers, monthly face-to-face visits, weekly calls, and care coordination.

DCFS anticipates the implementation cost will be approximately \$13.3 M associated with hiring 53 employees (\$5 M in salaries and benefits), providing specialized training for employees and families (\$148 K), providing placements for children in qualified residential treatment programs (\$2.9 M), and entering into advocacy and care coordination contracts (\$5.3 M). Care coordination would consist of behavioral health, primary health care, education, and legal services. The LFO cannot corroborate that the proposed law's requirements will create a workload level sufficient to justify \$13.3 M in annual costs. The total cost, which is anticipated to be significant, will ultimately depend on the number of individuals served, amount of services provided by the department, and the cost of contracted services.

Note: In a report published by DFCS in 2021, there were approximately 750 sex trafficking victims identified in Louisiana. Of these 750 victims, 528 were under the age of 18.

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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