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Fiscal Note

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Provides relative to domestic violence. (8/1/24)

Present law defines "forensic medical examination" as an examination provided to the victim of a sexually oriented criminal offense for the purpose of gathering and preserving evidence for use in court. Proposed law adds victims of domestic abuse to the definition of forensic medical examination. Present law provides for procedures for victims of a sexually oriented criminal offense, immunity, regional plans, maximum allowable costs, definitions, and documents requested by the victim. Proposed law applies the same procedure available to victims of a sexually oriented criminal offense in present law to victims of domestic abuse. Proposed law defines "domestic abuse" as deferred adjudication, adjudication withheld, or conviction for the perpetration or attempted perpetration of certain crimes. Present law attaches rights provided to victims of sexual assault whether the victim seeks the assistance of either a law enforcement official or a healthcare provider. Proposed law attaches the same right provided to victims of sexual assault contained in present law to victims of domestic abuse.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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

Proposed law will have an indeterminable, but significant, impact on state expenditures in the Department of Public Safety (DPS), Office of State Police to process sexual assault kits of domestic abuse victims. The proposed law does not identify a recurring source of funding to support the expenditures.

According to DPS, approximately 5,000 reports of domestic violence occur annually in Louisiana. DPS estimates approximately 300 cases will be reported to the crime lab for analysis each year. To accommodate the increase of sexual assault kits (SAKs) to be processed, the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab reports the staffing requirements will incorporate four (4) new T.O. positions. The LFO is unable to predict the exact number of domestic abuse victims who will opt for tests and treatments exclusive to victims of domestic abuse.

However, for illustrative purposes, the table below provides the potential expenditure impact of four (4) Crime Lab Analyst positions that are required to process the estimated 300 kits which is the anticipated number to be assigned to the crime lab annually as a result of this measure. 300 kits represents 6% of the 5,000 reports of domestic violence cases in Louisiana each year.

T.O. positions: 4
 % of cases: 6%
 Kits processed: 300

		Description
Other Expenses	\$16,760	Operating Svcs, Supplies, Acquisitions, etc.
Salary & Benefits	\$478,496	\$119,624 per Analyst
Kit Processing	<u>\$750,000</u>	\$2,500 per kit
Total	\$1,245,256	

For this fiscal note, these expenditures are assumed to be SGF.

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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