

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 961** HLS 24RS 1646

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.: **SB 338**

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<b>Subject:</b> Mental Health Transition Pilot Program		

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Provides relative to the creation of a mental health transition pilot program

Proposed law creates the Mental Health Transition Pilot Program and requires DPS&C to administer the program within the parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa to provide eligible individuals with transition services in the community while on probation or parole; requires DPS&C to conduct basic screening of individuals placed on probation or parole for mental health disorders as defined in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association; requires each eligible program participant to be required, upon being placed on probation or parole, to immediately schedule and attend all appointments at the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority or any local governmental entity, district, or authority, for any and all mental health or substance use disorder treatments, if indicated, and complete a Medicaid application; requires DPS&C to apply for a demonstration waiver pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1315 when established by LDH and approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services; requires DPS&C to conduct an annual study to determine recidivism rates of individuals placed on probation or released from incarceration for one year after placement on probation or release who receive mental health transition services from a contracted entity; requires DPS&C to submit a written report to the Senate President, Speaker of the House, and the JLCB on or before 12/31 of each year.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	<b>SEE BELOW</b>	
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>

**Annual Total**

REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable, but minimal increase in SGF expenditures in the Louisiana Department of Health. Proposed law will be enacted as a pilot program impacting individuals placed on probation or parole for mental health disorders located in Livingston, St. Helena, and Tangipahoa Parishes. To the extent that individuals in the program would be eligible and enrolled in Medicaid upon release, a portion of the costs related to appointments with the Florida Parishes Human Services Authority or other local governmental entity, district, or authority for mental health or substance use disorder treatments would be covered by Medicaid. If services are provided by Medicaid, a portion of the costs would be covered by Federal matching funds. The exact fiscal impact to the LDH is indeterminable, as it is unknown the number of eligible individuals who will choose to participate in the program.

The proposed legislation also requires the Department of Public Safety & Corrections to conduct basic level screening of individuals placed on probation or parole for mental health disorders and submit a written report to the governor, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget on the recidivism rates of individuals participating in the program who are placed on probation or released from incarceration for a minimum of one year after placement on probation or release. The LFO presumes that there may be a minimal workload increase with enactment of these measures, but that the workload can be absorbed using existing staff and resources.

**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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