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Provides for training to prevent human trafficking at public elementary and secondary schools and provides for victims' services. (gov siq)

Proposed legislation requires each city, parish, or other local public school board and each public charter school board to adopt a policy for human trafficking victim prevention, identification, reporting, and assistance. Requires the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) in conjunction with the governor's office of human trafficking to identify and provide information on available training curriculums to school boards. Requires each school to designate a school counselor or school administrator to receive annual advanced training on human trafficking prevention which may be provided online or in person. Requires schools to maintain records of completion of this training and to report those record to their respective governing school boards. Transfers the task of identification of victims and coordination of benefits for those victims aged 18-21 from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to the governor's office of human trafficking. Requires DCFS provide advocacy services for victims of human trafficking for minor children and youth aged 18-21.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	<b>\$1,781,043</b>	<b>\$1,781,043</b>	<b>\$1,781,043</b>	<b>\$1,781,043</b>	<b>\$1,781,043</b>	<b>\$8,905,215</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>					
Local Funds	<b>SEE BELOW</b>					

**Annual Total**

REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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 legislation is anticipated to increase expenditures for the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) by an estimated \$1.8 M SGF beginning in FY 27 due to the expansion of advocacy services the department must provide. Currently, DCFS provides advocacy services for minors (under age 18) who are victims of sex trafficking. Under the proposed legislation, eligibility would be expanded to include minors who are victims of labor trafficking and youth ages 18-21 for both types of trafficking. While the Governor's Office of Human Trafficking Prevention will lead coordination for these victims, it will work collaboratively with DCFS and other agencies that currently provide related services.

DCFS reports the average contractual rate for advocacy services is \$40.30 per victim per day and estimates that an additional 121 victims would qualify under the proposed legislation. Assuming each victim receives services for an average of one year (365 days), total estimated costs are calculated as follows: 121 victims x \$40.30 per day x 365 days = \$1,781,043.

*Note: DCFS reports that it does not currently draw down Title IV-E federal funding for human trafficking advocacy services. The department indicates its current Title IV-E state plan does not allow reimbursement for all human trafficking populations served, and not all services provided through the department's existing advocacy contracts are IV-E eligible. The department is evaluating potential amendments to its Title IV-E plan; however, any changes would require federal approval and completion of a time study, which has not been conducted and would not occur within the next fiscal year. To the extent that federal funding sources, such as Title IV-E, are available in the future and could be applied to services provided under the proposed legislation, associated costs to the state could be partially offset. The extent of any offset would depend on eligibility requirements and the proportion of services provided to individuals who qualify for federal reimbursement. As a result, the increase in expenditures is reflected as SGF in this fiscal note.*

Proposed legislation may result in an increase in local fund expenditures to the extent local school systems are unable to integrate the required human trafficking training into existing professional development activities. However, any such increase is expected to be minimal and absorbable within existing resources. For informational purposes, human trafficking prevention training, ranging from 0.5 to 2 hours in length, is available free of charge through the Department of Children and Family Services' Child Welfare Training Academy, the Office of Human Trafficking Prevention, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and other organizations, further limiting potential expenditures. Local school boards, including public and charter systems, are also expected to absorb the costs associated with developing and adopting written human trafficking policies and maintaining documentation to demonstrate compliance with proposed legislation to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE).

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate  
 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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