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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 182** HLS 26RS 264
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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 Provides relative to victims of sexual assault

Present Law requires all licensed hospitals and healthcare providers to provide sexual assault survivors with information about available treatment and to follow specified procedures when a survivor presents for care. It also requires timely examination and treatment in a private setting by a qualified healthcare provider and access to an advocate when available.

Proposed law adds a requirement that all licensed hospitals and healthcare providers maintain and make available a qualified healthcare professional during hours of operation to provide treatment and conduct forensic examinations for sexual assault victims. It expands and clarifies the definition of healthcare provider to include a broad range of healthcare facilities and defines qualified healthcare professional as any licensed or authorized practitioner trained to perform forensic medical examinations.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	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	\$6,600,000	\$6,751,800	\$6,907,098	\$7,065,960	\$7,228,452	\$34,553,310
Annual Total	\$6,600,000	\$6,751,800	\$6,907,098	\$7,065,960	\$7,228,452	\$34,553,310
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	SEE BELOW					
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law is anticipated to result in an \$6.6 M aggregate, statewide increase in local expenditures for parish run hospitals within parish hospital service districts in FY 27 and increasing in subsequent fiscal years. Proposed law mandates that all licensed hospitals and healthcare providers maintain and make available a qualified healthcare professional during all hours of operation to provide treatment and conduct forensic medical examinations for sexual assault victims.

- Police Jury Association of Louisiana (PJAL) estimated the expenditure increase based on the following assumptions:
- (1) \$100,000 per hospital maximum annual cost (national estimate) to meet the requirements of proposed law. The cost may include: maintaining trained on-call personnel, training and certification programs, administrative and evidence handling infrastructure, and overhead not covered by exam reimbursement.
 - (2) 66 parish run hospitals assumed to be impacted by the requirements of the proposed law.

FY 27 annual cost of \$6,600,000 = \$100,000 per hospital x 66 facilities.
 The estimated cost in subsequent fiscal years includes an annual inflation rate of 2.3% consistent with long-range Consumer Price Index (CPI) forecast.

Note: The LFO is unable to corroborate the estimated costs projected by PJAL. The LFO has requested PJAL to provide detailed information on the assumptions and rationale used to estimate the additional cost needed to implement the requirements of this legislation. To the extent that a portion or all of the cost can be absorbed by existing resources, or that some hospitals meet the requirements of proposed law with existing resources, a portion of the projected costs may be mitigated. Should additional information regarding estimated expenditures become available, this fiscal note will be updated. Additionally, LFO has requested information from Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) regarding any potential impact from the proposed legislation and will update this fiscal note should additional information become available.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure. PJAL reports that no additional revenue will be generated as a result of this legislation. Without a source of state funding, local governments would be required to identify, shift, or create a financing mechanism to pay for increased cost.

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| <u>Senate</u> | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H} | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <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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