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Subject: Fatherhood First Initiative	

CHILDREN/SUPPORT RE +\$49,900 FF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Provides relative to the Fatherhood First Initiative

Proposed law renames the program "Fatherhood First Initiative" and expands its objectives to include public awareness of substance abuse and addiction, anger management and conflict resolution, fiscal awareness and financial literacy, and parenting skills, child development, and family studies. Proposed law requires the secretary of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to convene and chair a Fatherhood First Council as well as outlines the functions and membership of the Fatherhood First Council. Proposed law requires the Fatherhood First Council to establish a comprehensive plan for implementation of the Fatherhood First Initiative and submit an interim report by March 1, 2014 and a final report by March 1, 2015 to the secretary of DCFS. Proposed law requires the secretary of DCFS and executive director of the La. Workforce Commission to evaluate the effectiveness and outcomes of services provided to fathers. The secretary of DCFS shall present the interim findings to the appropriate legislative committees prior to the start of the 2014 session and final findings before the start of the 2015 session.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$49,900	\$49,900	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$5,349,800
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total			\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	\$5,250,000

REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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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

This proposed legislation will result in a \$49,900 Federal funds increase in FY 14 and FY 15 within the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for the Fatherhood First Initiative research and demonstration program. The Fatherhood Initiative will provide intervention and support services to low-income noncustodial parents who were potentially at risk of not paying child support and losing contact with their children. Also, if Father First Initiative is recommended for continuation, the proposed legislation will result in an increase of \$1.75 M in subsequent fiscal years.

Fatherhood First Council. Proposed legislation requires the Secretary of DCFS to convene and chair a Fatherhood First Council no later than October 1, 2013 as well as membership of the council. Establishment of the council will have no fiscal impact, as the proposed legislation does not provide for compensation or per diem for the members of the council.

Fatherhood Research and Demonstration Program. The proposed legislation also requires the development of a fatherhood research and demonstration program in no more than 3 sites. The secretary of DCFS is required to present an interim report on the fatherhood research and demonstration program to legislative committees prior to the start of the 2014 session and final findings before the start of the 2015 session. The department has indicated a consultant will be contracted to adhere to the planning, research and demonstration requirements of the proposed legislation and provide the reports to the legislative committees at no more than \$49,900. According to the department, since Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds are currently appropriated to other initiatives in HB 1 original for FY 14, the consultant contract for the planning, research and demonstration phrase will utilize State General Fund. For FY 13, the estimated TANF block grant carry forward is \$89,508. The Legislative Fiscal Office believes that TANF funds can utilized for the consultant contract based on historical TANF expenditures.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION (continued)

Fatherhood First Initiative. Lastly, the proposed legislation requires statewide implementation of the Fatherhood First programs in FY 16. Based on expenditures for the Fatherhood Initiative in FY 09, statewide implementation is projected at \$1.75 M annually. In FY 09, DCFS contracted with 8 various entities including two district attorney offices, one university, one hospital district and 4 community-based organizations. Contract amounts ranged from \$26,000 to \$341,000. Contractors were required to provide fathers with employment assistance and job placement, information on how to navigate the child support enforcement system, peer support, and incorporate components of the nationally recognized fatherhood curriculum that included such components as effective communication, character building, parenting skills, anger management, conflict resolution, and fiscal responsibility.

The annual TANF block grant allocation is \$164 M. This measure allocates 1.06% or \$1.75 M of the block grant for the Fatherhood First Initiative. Note: The total TANF block grant has been allocated to existing TANF initiatives in FY 14 Executive Budget. If this measure passes, this will require a reduction in the TANF initiatives that are currently recommended beginning in FY 16.

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