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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 154** HLS 17RS 914

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Autopsy-Related Documents Provide Free of Charge	

CORONERS OR DECREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Authorizes the disclosure of autopsy-related documents to the Department of Children and Family Services at no charge

Under present law, appropriate law enforcement agencies can request copies of an autopsy report, records, writings, and documents from coroner offices free of charge. Proposed law adds the Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as an agency that may receive coroner's autopsy report, records, writings, and documents, if requested, free of charge.

EXPENDITURES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation is anticipated to decrease expenditures by an indeterminable, but nominal amount within the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as a result of now requiring coroners to provide copies of autopsy reports to the department free of charge. Presently, if DCFS requests copies of autopsy reports, the department must reimburse coroners according to the Uniform Fee Schedule for public records.

Historically, DCFS receives an average of 68 autopsy reports annually. The department has indicated that an autopsy report from Orleans parish averages \$75. For illustrative purposes, if DCFS requested 68 autopsy reports from coroners at a cost of \$75 per report, DCFS would have cost savings of \$5,100 (\$75 x 68 autopsy reports) under this proposed legislation.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation is anticipated to decrease revenues by an indeterminable, but minimal, amount to parish coroner's offices as a result of requiring coroners to provide copies of autopsy reports to the Department of Children and Family Services free of charge.

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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