

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 407** SLS 20RS 573  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Department of Public Safety & Corrections-Corrections Svcs	<b>Analyst:</b> Monique Appeaning
<b>Subject:</b> Establish a Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EG SEE FISC NOTE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to the post-conviction veterans mentor program. (8/1/20)

Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections (DPSC) to establish a Post-Conviction Veterans Mentor Program (PCVMP) for incarcerated veterans. Proposed law adds the requirement that the offender has completed a mentor training program as deemed appropriate by the DPSC. Proposed law adds the requirement of submitting to random drug screenings and receiving no positive results from such screenings. Proposed law provides that liability for all activity and possible illegal activity will fall solely on the veteran offender participating in the program. The department will have indemnity for any and all action taken by the offender that may be illegal, that subject the offender to parole revocation, or that are deemed eligible to terminate the offender's participation in the PCVMP. Proposed law provides that the offender will serve as a mentor in the Veterans Court probation program, upon the written approval of the presiding judge. Proposed law provides that existing transitional work release program facilities may be used to provide services and opportunities to the veterans participating in the program to benefit both the veterans participating and the parish jails.

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State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable decrease in SGF expenditures to Other Requirements - Local Housing of State Adult Offender if any person is paroled under the PCVMP if certain conditions are met.

SGF expenditures will decrease by \$67.44 per offender per day if an offender is housed in a state facility or \$26.39 for a state offender housed in a local facility. An offender sentenced to the custody of the Department of Public Safety and Corrections - Corrections Services (DPSC-CS) for one year would increase SGF expenditures by \$24,615.60 (\$67.44 per day x 365 days) if housed in a state facility and \$9,632.35 (\$26.39 per day x 365 days) if housed in a local facility. Approximately 50% of state offenders are housed in state facilities and approximately 50% are housed in local facilities.

Proposed law may result in an indeterminable SGF expenditure increase to the DPSC-CS for implementation and operation. Proposed law provides that the program shall be implemented only to the extent that funds are available within the department. To the extent the expenditure savings referenced above may not be sufficient to fully fund the program as contemplated, DPSC - CS may require additional budgetary resources (assumed to be SGF).

Proposed law will likely not result in a change in expenditures to the Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA). Currently, DVA has two Veterans Transition Counselors who work in its Incarcerated Veteran's Program. DVA cannot determine if the PCVMP as contemplated in proposed law would increase or decrease the workload of the current staff. To the extent additional resources may be necessary, DVA reports the salary and related benefits for a Counselor is approximately \$50,000 per year.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law may result in an increase of SGR by an indeterminable amount. Any additional offenders released to parole as a result of the proposed change would pay a monthly parole fee of up to \$63 per present law.

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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