

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



Fiscal Note On: **HB 982** HLS 22RS 1941

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> April 18, 2022	1:08 PM	<b>Author:</b> DUPLESSIS
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> LDH		<b>Analyst:</b> Shawn Hotstream
<b>Subject:</b> Future of Louisiana Program		

FUNDS/FUNDING OR -\$140,000,000 GF RV See Note Page 1 of 1  
Establishes the Future of Louisiana Program and provides for the administration of, distributions from, and qualifications for such program

Proposed law creates the Future of Louisiana Program in the Louisiana Department of Health. Proposed law creates the Future of Louisiana fund in the state treasury. Proposed law requires the program to provide each beneficiary of the program (Louisiana babies whose birth is eligible for or covered under Medicaid) with a lump sum payment beginning January 1, 2025. The secretary of LDH shall submit to the state treasurer a certification of the number of babies born alive in Louisiana (immediate prior year), and the treasurer shall transfer \$3,500 for each certified baby born. Proposed law provides that the qualifying beneficiary shall be entitled to a lump sum distribution of all monies held for him in the fund (including interest). Distribution of the funds to qualifying individuals requires an application to LDH. LDH is required to promulgate rules relative to the claims process, eligibility, fraud control, and appeals. Proposed law creates the future of Louisiana Committee to advise the legislature about the Future Program. Proposed law terminates on January 1, 2043.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	<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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>					<b>\$0</b>

<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	(\$140,000,000)	(\$140,000,000)	(\$140,000,000)	<b>(\$420,000,000)</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$140,000,000	\$140,000,000	\$140,000,000	<b>\$420,000,000</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<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 law provides for a lump sum distribution of \$3,500 plus any interest earnings to eligible individuals beginning on their 18th birthday. Lump sum payments will be authorized at a minimum 18 years from the start of the program (January 1, 2025).

Proposed law provides for a Future of Louisiana Committee, with 7 members eligible for per legislative per diem, and shall meet at least once a year through 2034. The first meeting of the committee shall be no later than July 1, 2023.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law allocates approximately \$140 M a year in State General Fund to a new fund (the Future of Louisiana Fund) to provide a lump sum payment for distribution to eligible individuals 1) that were born on/after July 1, 2024, and 2) whose birth was eligible for or covered by Medicaid. This measure begins allocating \$3,500 in SGF for each eligible beginning in FY 24/25, and authorizes a principle (\$3,500) and interest distribution from the treasury beginning on the eligible's 18th birthday.

Based on an estimated 40,000 births a year requiring a \$3,500 SGF deposit in to the new fund, approximately \$140 M in State General Funds will be reallocated from state expenditure annually. Lump sum payments will be authorized at a minimum 18 years from the start of the program (January 1, 2025).

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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