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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 60** SLS 22RS 101
 Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
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 Sub. Bill For.:

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR NO IMPACT GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

Provides for the screening of birth mothers to provide assistance with substance use treatment and other resources. (8/1/22)

Proposed law provides that a physician who attends a pregnant woman during labor or delivery shall take or have taken a sample of her blood within eight hours after delivery to identify the presence of any controlled dangerous substance. Proposed law requires, in the case of a positive test result, for the healthcare facility where the birth occurred to provide the mother with information for improving her own health and the health of her baby, including referrals to appropriate resources for health screenings, behavioral health services, and substance use and recovery services.

Proposed law provides for a limit on the use of a positive test result obtained solely pursuant to proposed law, unless the woman has obstetrical complications that are a medical indication of possible use of a controlled substance for a nonmedical purpose.

Proposed law provides for the La. Dept. of Health and the Dept. of Children and Family Services to work jointly to develop the information necessary for healthcare facilities to implement the provisions of proposed law.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						

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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Currently, pregnant women are only screened for controlled substances if a physician suspects that the newborn was exposed to a controlled substance. This bill requires universal screening for all mothers. The bill does not mandate insurance companies to cover the cost of the tests. Therefore, the LFO assumes that any cost associated with testing will be absorbed by the providers.

Note: For informational purposes, for hospitalized inpatients, Medicaid pays the hospital on a per diem basis. The per diem is a flat daily fee and covers all of the laboratory tests performed for the inpatient (and other aspects of the hospital care provided). An additional laboratory test performed by the hospital would not result in a higher per diem rate. Therefore, an additional laboratory test performed by the hospital would not result in an increase in Medicaid expenditures.

Note: The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) indicates that if all mothers are screened for controlled substances during childbirth, they may experience an increased workload to provide support services and investigations related to the newborns that are exposed to controlled substances. The LFO cannot corroborate that the proposed law's requirements will create a workload level sufficient to require additional employees. To the extent that existing employees are used, personnel costs will be mitigated.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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