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**Fiscal Note**

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<b>Subject:</b> Back on Track Youth Pilot Program	<b>Analyst:</b> Julie Silva

CORRECTIONS OR NO IMPACT See Note Page 1 of 2  
 Creates the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program

Proposed legislation creates the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program, with the purpose of providing juveniles access to programs including, but not limited to: occupational or vocational training, life skills, healthy choices, and literacy instruction. The program is to be administered by selected nonprofit groups in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Education, the Louisiana Workforce Commission, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Eligibility as established in the bill is based on the income of the juvenile's family, whether the juvenile is considered at-risk, and demographic location within the state.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<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>

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. State agencies enumerated in proposed legislation report they do not anticipate, or are unable to estimate expenditure impacts related to involvement in the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program. To the extent the program is to be a coordinated effort to focus assistance currently provided by these agencies on the specific youth outlined in the bill, the LFO anticipates impacts, if any, will be minimal. Expenditures would only increase if additional programs or activities are required by the state departments named. The program is to be primarily administered by select non profit groups, though such groups are not identified, with coordination from several state departments. Information provided by those departments specifically named in the bill is included below.

The Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ), an agency within the Department of Public Safety, reports that while they can't provide any specific impacts as the responsibilities of departments are not outlined in proposed legislation, the department currently administers a similar curriculum through contracts with residential providers and local non profits in order to provide alternatives to detention programs, early intervention programs, and nonsecure residential services.

The Department of Veterans Affairs does not currently administer any youth programs, and does not anticipate any impacts as a result of the proposed legislation.

The Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) administers a program through the Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act which provides services to at-risk youth, but the department is unable to determine whether proposed legislation would result in any financial impacts resulting from participation in coordination activities.


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**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate  
 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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**CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:**

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) provided that there are evidence-based resources and curriculums available that align with the Louisiana health standards around life skills and healthy choices; however, the cost to provide them to participants in the pilot program is indeterminable. The department would require input and recommendations from other agencies listed in the bill before a set curriculum was established for the Back on Track Youth Pilot Program, and any potential fiscal impacts could be provided.

The Department of Children and Family Services currently has two initiatives, one with LWC and one with OJJ to which it provides Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds. The Jobs for American Graduates (JAG) program, housed within the LWC, provides services targeting students at risk of failing school and out-of-school youth in need of a high school education by providing opportunities to earn recognized credentials to complete school and either enter the workforce or attend postsecondary education institutions. The OJJ program, within the Office of Community Supervision, is composed of three parts: (1) Tracker program - a non-residential program designed to provide behavioral monitoring and supervision to youth between the ages of 10 and 21 who are in home placement as a result of court ordered supervision. These youth are at risk of removal from the home; (2) Mentor Program - a non-residential program designed to provide goal-directed, highly structured, community based mentoring services to ensure that juveniles' needs are met and conditions of supervision are adhered to in order to maintain the juveniles in their own homes and to prevent a return to criminal behavior; and (3) Reintegration Program - this program is designed to facilitate a youth's transition from an out of home placement back to the community and family environment through collaboration between the youth and community service providers. The overall goal is to assist the youth in becoming a productive citizen and remaining within the family structure. Reintegration programs are for youth entering a facility and continues through the youth's transition to and stabilization in the community. DCFS reports that as they already assist in funding these programs, they do not anticipate any additional expenditures as a result of this bill.

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