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Fiscal Note On: **SB 221** SLS 13RS 343

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Children and Family Services	Analyst: Patrice Thomas
Subject: Louisiana Has Faith in Families Act	

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Enacts the Louisiana Has Faith in Families Act. (gov sig)

Present law authorizes the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to develop and implement a program for subsidizing the adoption of children with special needs. Proposed law repeals and revises present law to enact the Louisiana Has Faith in Families Act in the Children's Code. Proposed law, Louisiana Has Faith in Families Act, authorizes DCFS to declare every child in the department's custody eligible for certain adoption assistance or subsidy. Proposed law provides that DCFS may approve a home study program or nonpublic/parochial school for a child placed in foster care.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation appears to consolidate all existing laws related to adoption subsidies in the Children's Code as well as provide for expedited adoption procedures. Presently, the department certifies subsidy eligibility for all children in their custody. Once a child becomes eligible for a subsidy, the subsidy continues until the child is 18 years old regardless of if the child is adopted or in foster care - the subsidy follows the child. This proposed legislation does not add any new subsidies or increase the number of children eligible for subsidies.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} | |

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