



# OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 117** HLS 13RS 686

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Reentry Division	

COURTS/DISTRICT EG DECREASE GF EX See Note  
Authorizes the 11th JDC to provide for a reentry division of court.

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**Purpose of Bill:** This measure allows the 11th JDC to assign certain divisions of the court as a reentry division of court in accordance with R.S. 13:5401. The reentry division of court shall establish a workforce development sentencing program, which shall establish guidelines for the issuance of sentences providing inmate rehabilitation and workforce development.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	<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>						

### EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

**State general fund expenditures may decrease as a result of this measure.**

This decrease may occur because eligible participants may serve a shorter sentence as part of the workforce development program through the reentry division of the 11th JDC. After successful completion of the program, the offender may be released from a state facility and placed on parole supervision by the court. For each offender that successfully completes the program and is released, the state will realize a savings based on the difference in cost for housing an offender in a state facility and the cost of supervising an offender on parole.

There is an indeterminable fiscal impact on the 11th JDC to set up the reentry division. However, once the offender is released into probation supervision, local funding may be used to provide employment assistance, substance abuse treatment, housing, family programming, mentoring, victims support, and other services that can help reduce recidivism.

According to the Louisiana Workforce Commission, they will experience no increase in expenditures as a result of this measure as the programs required are currently in place and have the capacity to provide these services.

### REVENUE EXPLANATION

**Self-generated and federal fund revenues may increase as a result of this measure.**

The proposed legislation may result in an indeterminable increase in self-generated revenues as a result of offenders being released to parole supervision. For each offender that is released to parole supervision, the Department of Corrections can collect a parole supervision fee.

Beginning in fiscal year 2015, there may be an increase in federal fund revenues as offenders are released to parole supervision and federal funds are obtained to assist in funding these reentry programs.

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13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}

6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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