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Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: DHH, DCFS, Various Boards	
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Provides relative to suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management training for certain professions. (8/1/14)

Proposed law provides that suicide assessment, intervention, treatment, and management training shall be included within the existing continuing education requirements for certain professionals licensed in Louisiana beginning January 1, 2015. The relevant disciplines are mental health counselors, social workers, physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists, medical psychologists, nurses, physician assistants and addiction counselors. Proposed law provides that the training must be at least six hours in length at least once in every six year period. Proposed law provides for initial training requirement. Proposed law provides that any such training shall not be in addition to, but shall count toward, meeting any applicable continuing education requirement. Proposed law provides that implementation of training shall not be construed to establish legal basis for negligence or a standard of care. Proposed law provides for collaborative development of a model list of training programs and that relevant parties shall promulgate any necessary rules. Proposed law provides for exemptions.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law creates a requirement for suicide assessment, intervention, treatment and management training within specified professions. The proposed law creates no additional expenditure requirement within DHH or DCFS, as those departments either offer training to the specified professional groups that is or will be consistent with the new requirement, or the attainment of training is the personal responsibility of those individuals.

The proposed law will create a minimal expenditure requirement among the various disciplinary boards associated with the impacted professions in order to promulgate new rules, update websites and publications, develop new training programs or update existing ones, and other related activities. The disciplinary boards will realize an incremental increase associated with monitoring for the new licensing requirement. At least one board indicated it will likely acquire and upload a suicide prevention training program onto its online portal, resulting in an ongoing minor increase in operating expenditures.

The Louisiana State Board of Nursing indicated it would need to purchase a training management database system to track and ensure that approximately 57,000 nurses maintain the new training requirements. The Board estimates the cost of such a system at \$25,000 to \$30,000, with an ongoing \$6,000 to \$10,000 annual maintenance cost. The Board also reported it would require a licensing analyst at a total cost of approximately \$57,500 annually. The LFO feels this cost may be mitigated or substantially reduced through the utilization of existing resources. Nurses practicing in Louisiana already have continuing education requirements, and amending or adding to the training requirement alone is not likely to account for the need of a new training database. If a database is required, the need likely exists outside of this bill or the Board may be able to amend its existing tracking system at a moderated cost. The LFO also feels it may be possible for the Board to track continuing education credits utilizing a less-than-full time licensing analyst. However, given the six year window included in proposed law, the Board will be required to confirm additional training for 9,500 (57,000 nurses/6 years) or more individuals on an annual basis and that would create a substantial workload that may justify a full-time or near full-time position.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

State agencies and disciplinary boards both report that there is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	<div>Evan Brasseaux</div> <div>Evan Brasseaux Staff Director</div>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}		
<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}		