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Fiscal Note



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Subject: Mental Health Information Prior to an Elective Abortion	

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 Requires provision of psychological health information prior to abortion

Proposed law requires a physician to obtain a signed statement stating that the women has been given information to learn of the increased risks of psychiatric and psychological harms association with abortion. Proposed law only applies to elective abortions. Proposed law requires Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to prepare the form. Also, proposed law requires DHH to create printable internet-based resources that include telephone numbers and links to web sites of nonprofit organizations that provide confidential helplines. The telephone numbers and web sites must provide free services. Proposed law provides that a task force assist DHH in the preparation of the printed and internet materials. Proposed law provides that the governor shall appoint members of the task force. Proposed law requires the task force shall include the following members: (1) a psychologist; (2) a psychiatrist; and (3) a lay person who provides pre-abortion or post-abortion counseling in association with a nonprofit organization that does not counsel for or provide abortion.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	\$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

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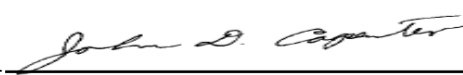
EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in an indeterminable, but minimal, increase in state expenditures in FY 15. The proposed legislation requires the Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) to develop a consent form stating that a woman has been given resources on increased risks of psychiatric and psychological harms associated with abortion. Also, the proposed legislation requires DHH to create printable web-based resources identifying nonprofit organizations that provide free access to counselors for women considering abortion or experiencing distress after an abortion. DHH will be required to do the following over and above their current initiatives related to providing abortion information: (1) coordinate with a task force; (2) update and reprint consent forms; (3) update and reprint a *Women's Right to Know and A Women's Right to Know Resource Directory* booklet; and (4) update the www.pregnancyinfo.la.gov web site. According to DHH, existing resources within the Office of Public Health (OPH) will be utilized to fund printing and web development.

The proposed legislation provides for 3-member task force to assist DHH/OPH in preparing materials; however the measure is silent on members of the task force receiving per diem and travel expense reimbursement. To the extent that members receive per diem and travel expense reimbursement, the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) anticipates an indeterminable increase in state expenditures depending the frequency of meetings.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules House 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & 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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