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Fiscal Note On: **HB 464** HLS 14RS 460

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Workforce Training & Education Pilot in SNAP Program	

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Establishes a pilot initiative for training and education to serve certain recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits

Proposed law creates a workforce training and education pilot initiative, contingent upon federal approval, for non-working able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) recipients within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps) administered by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). Proposed law provides that the pilot initiative shall be located in a parish with a population of between 100,000-150,000 and that has a main campus of a public four-year college/university. Under proposed law, DCFS shall transmit notice in writing to each prospective participant indicating that continuation of SNAP benefits beyond the 6-month limit will be conditioned upon acceptable workforce training or education activities. Proposed law requires DCFS to conduct SNAP eligibility re-determination for participants in the pilot initiative at least once every 6 months. Proposed law requires that no later than 12 months after commencement and annually thereafter DCFS shall submit a report on the pilot to the legislative committees on health and welfare. Proposed law directs DCFS to seek federal approval before 01/01/2015.

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.	\$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	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Federal Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION


There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation requires the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) to create a workforce training and education pilot initiative for non-working able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWDs) receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits in a parish with a population between 100,000 to 150,000 citizens as well as a main campus of a public four-year college or university. The Legislative Fiscal Office has identified two parishes that meet the above criteria - Rapides and Tangipahoa.

The proposed legislation would remove all existing federal waivers for SNAP recipients in the pilot parish and require ABAWDs to meet certain employment and training requirements in order to be exempt from the 6 month time limit. Currently, DCFS performs re-determinations of SNAP eligibility every 6 months (twice per year). Therefore, this measure will have no impact on DCFS as the department already performs re-determinations every 6 months.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

To the extent that the workforce training and education pilot is successful in producing self-sufficiency in SNAP recipients, enrollment in the SNAP program would decrease. The Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) would need less staff in the Economic Stability division resulting in less federal revenue from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), US Department of Agriculture for the administration of the SNAP program.

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| <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} |


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