

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 525** HLS 13RS 854

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: STEP Program	

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Revises provisions relative to aid to needy families and employment services for TANF cash assistance recipients

Present law provides for federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program to be coordinated at a state level by the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as well as designates the La. Workforce Investment Council as a state partner of DCFS for Strategies to Empower People (STEP) program that provides employment and job training services to Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) recipients. Proposed law revises present law to (1) designate the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) as the state partner of DCFS for such services; (2) stipulates that employment and job training services be delivered pursuant to performance-based contracts with LWC or other community partners; (3) deletes and simplifies provisions relating to Strategies to Empower People (STEP) program requirements that do no improve outcomes.

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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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation deletes specific provisions of the Strategies to Empower People (STEP) program from the statutes. The department has indicated that it will promulgate rules regarding these provisions in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. It appears that the intent of the legislation is to give the department more flexibility in designing and operating the STEP program. The proposed legislation does not remove any work requirements or functions of the STEP program. The Legislative Fiscal Offices does not anticipate any STEP services being eliminated as a result of this legislation.

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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