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Fiscal Note

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Repeals certain student instruction and teacher training requirements and authorizes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to adopt policies requiring the inclusion of certain topics in such instruction and training. Proposed legislation repeals statutes requiring student instruction on adoption awareness, breast and cervical exams, CPR and automated external defibrillators, child assault, cursive writing, dating violence, eating disorders, internet and cell phone safety, litter, mental health, organ donation, parenthood, safe haven laws, shaken baby syndrome, substance abuse, and water safety. Additionally repeals statutes concerning teacher training on: adverse childhood experiences and trauma-informed education, classroom management, bullying, communicable disease and control, first aid, sudden cardiac arrest, and suicide prevention. Proposed legislation instead authorizes the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to adopt policies that require the inclusion of certain topics in student instruction and in the training of teachers and other school employees.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local school systems may experience impacts to local fund expenditures, but specific impacts are indeterminable. A majority of the topics of student instruction and teacher and other employee training repealed in proposed legislation are currently codified in Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) policy, which has the force and effect of law. As a result, situational impacts are anticipated as follows: (1) if BESE makes no changes to the existing requirements being repealed from statute, there is no anticipated change in expenditures; (2) if BESE removes requirements, local school systems may realize a decrease in expenditures; and (3) if BESE adds additional requirements, local school systems may realize an increase in expenditures.

Note: Existing statute requires public schools to ensure instruction in cursive writing for students in third through twelfth grades (R.S. 17:266), however, this instruction is not currently included in BESE policy. Unless BESE adopts a policy concerning this topic of instruction, it will no longer be required.

Costs associated with student instruction include, but are not limited to: the development of an instruction program, the purchase of instruction materials, and hiring or training qualified staff to provide such instruction, if necessary. There are similar costs associated with teacher and support staff training requirements including the purchase of instructional materials for in-service training courses or the cost of travel for teachers and employees to attend outside training programs or conferences. Teachers are exempt from overtime compensation requirements by the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act. There may also be costs as a result of training for any non-exempt employees who are required to work more than 40 hours a week in order to attain necessary training.


BESE adopts its policies through the Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking process, codifying them in the Louisiana Administrative Code; therefore, the legislature would maintain a level of oversight over any changes recommended by BESE.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}


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