



## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DPI 10/31/2023

LRB Number	<b>23-4020/1</b>	Introduction Number	<b>SB-0500</b>	Estimate Type	<b>Original</b>
<b>Description</b> teacher and administrator licensure in parental choice programs and in the Special Needs Scholarship Program and granting rule-making authority					

### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

According to the LRB bill analysis, this bill requires teachers and administrators at private schools participating in a parental choice program or in the Special Needs Scholarship Program (SNSP) to hold a license or permit issued by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), beginning on July 1, 2025. Under current law, teachers and administrators at choice schools must have at least a bachelor's degree from a nationally or regionally accredited institution of higher education, but they are not required to hold a DPI license. There are no current law requirements regarding who may teach or be employed as an administrator at SNSP schools.

One exception to the general licensing requirement under the bill is for a teacher who teaches only courses in rabbinical studies and for an administrator at a private school that prepares trains pupils attending the private school in rabbinical studies.

In addition, the bill provides a grace period for a teacher or administrator who has been teaching or employed as an administrator for at least the five consecutive years immediately preceding July 1, 2025, which allows the teacher or administrator to apply for a temporary, nonrenewable waiver of the licensure requirement. An applicant for a waiver must submit a plan for becoming licensed as required under the bill.

State Impact: Indeterminate, but requiring more educators to be licensed by DPI generate additional revenue from the license application fees; the additional fees could only be used for operations of the licensing program at DPI. Depending on the volume of additional applications for licensure, the department may need to hire additional staff to complete the necessary work.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications