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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an increase in self generated revenues for state agencies such as the Teachers Retirement System of Louisiana (TRSL), Office of Group Benefits, Office of Risk Management, Civil Service, Office of the Legislative Auditor, Office of Telecommunications Management, and other state agencies that collect user fees from state entities. The amount of such impact is indeterminable at this time. To the extent the state pays the local portion of MFP funds for the school, MFP funding for districts will only decrease by the amount of the state allocation for each pupil that enrolls in École Pointe-au-Chien.

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For illustrative purposes, the LFO assumes an initial enrollment count of 100 students in the new school. The proposed 2022-23 MFP formula budget letter allocates $9,237 in state ($5,269) and local ($3,968) funding per student for the Terrebonne Parish School District. At this rate and assuming all students are residents of Terrebonne Parish, the school would receive $923,700 in MFP funding, although the actual impact to the state and local school districts will vary based on student residency and the manner in which BESE funds the school through the MFP. If the school is funded in the same manner as the New Orleans School for Creative Arts (NOCCA), a special school that does not have a residential component, the state would pay both the state and the local share as determined by the parish in which the student otherwise resides. Should BESE adopt an MFP formula that funds the school in a similar manner, state costs would increase by an estimated $3,986 per pupil, or $398,600. Actual costs will depend on student enrollment and the parish in which the student resides. Local districts in which students were previously enrolled may experience reduced instructional costs.

As a French immersion program, many of the faculty would likely qualify for a salary supplement through the MFP: an International Language Associate Salary Allocation of $21,000 each; these International Language Associate faculty would also receive an additional $6,000 stipend if they are in their first year of teaching, and $4,000 if they are in their second or third year of teaching.

In addition to the MFP allocation, NOCCA receives state general fund direct appropriations to support its specialized instructional needs. The cost is indeterminate and will depend upon the number and characteristics of the students enrolled.

École Pointe-au-Chien will experience operating expenses as a result of becoming a state entity. All state agencies are required to participate in the state retirement system and group insurance, as well as share the cost of support services such as risk management, telecommunications, procurement, state buildings and grounds, civil service, and the legislative auditor. However, those costs are indeterminate at this time.

Note: A companion bill, HB250, provides for statutory dedication funding to the school through the Education Excellence Fund (EEF). Under HB250, the proposed school would receive $75,000 plus an additional amount based upon the statewide average per-pupil allocation from the fund.