Proposed legislation directs the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) to develop and implement a program whereby fresh food is incorporated into school-provided lunches at certain schools. Proposed legislation provides that the Department of Education (LDE) shall administer the program. LDE and LDAF shall collaboratively provide an inventory of food distribution companies with which public schools or school districts may contract; disseminate procurement guidelines, school food safety information, and liability insurance requirements to food distribution companies that can potentially contract with schools and school districts for the implementation of the pilot program; and consult with the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, the Louisiana Farm to School Alliance, and other stakeholders, as necessary. Requires BESE, LDE, and LDAF to utilize existing personnel and resources for the development, implementation, and administration of the program.

Note: The LDE reports that it cannot feasibly implement the program without additional funding.

There are no costs associated with the proposed legislation, as the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF), and Department of Education (LDE) will be required to utilize existing personnel and resources for the development, implementation, and administration of the program.

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