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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 352** HLS 25RS 693

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Early Childhood Ancillary Certificate background checks		

EARLY CHILDHOOD OR DECREASE SG RV See Note
Provides relative to background checks for certain early childhood workers

Proposed legislation provides that early childhood ancillary certificates as provided for in rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) through the Administrative Procedure Act are not considered an educator credential or teaching authorization requiring a criminal history record check. Retains the provision that criminal history background checks are required prior to employment of holders of these certificates.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed legislation removes the requirement that certain early childhood workers go through a criminal history record check when applying for an early childhood ancillary certificate.

LDOE and the Louisiana State Police Bureau of Criminal Identification, which under present law provides the required criminal history background check for applicants to the early childhood ancillary certificate, may realize a decrease in workload to the extent the proposed legislation lessens the requests for background checks received by the agency.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

To the extent the proposed legislation reduces the number of criminal background checks requested, LDOE and the Office of State Police (OSP) may experience a decrease in self-generated revenues. Act 745 of the 2022 RS allows LDOE to charge a fee of \$25 to process CBCs. Present law allows for a 5% annual increase in the amount of the processing fee; however, whether LDOE will increase this fee annually is unknown.

OSP charges \$31 for state background checks and \$12 for federal background checks. OSP retains \$2 of the \$12 fee charged for the federal background checks and remits the remainder to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Any decrease in CBCs requested as a result of the proposed legislation will result in a decrease in fees collected by OSP.

Senate
 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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