



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 121** SLS 25RS 379  
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> May 20, 2025	10:53 AM	<b>Author:</b> SELDERS
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Education/Health		
<b>Subject:</b> Mandatory mental health screenings		<b>Analyst:</b> Julie Silva

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 Provides for mental health screenings in schools. (8/1/25)

Proposed legislation provides a framework for a city, parish, or other local school system to provide mental health screenings for all kindergarten through grade 12 students during the first semester of each academic year. Provides that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) is to develop a list of mental health screening tools and community resources and to provide this information to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) for distribution to local school systems. Provides for confidentiality and destruction of testing results and prohibits schools from using the results to make decisions concerning student instruction and discipline.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>SEE BELOW</b>					
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed legislation provides a framework for a city, parish, or other local school system, including charter schools, to ensure the availability of mental health screenings for students, if a school board opts to appropriate funding for such purpose. LDOE does not anticipate any increase in expenditures to disseminate the mental health information provided by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to local school systems, if such information is made available to LDOE electronically. At the time of publication of this fiscal note, LDH can develop and provide the information required of them by proposed legislation by existing employees within their current scope of work.

**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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