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Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **HB 271** HLS 26RS 998

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Subject: Louisiana Commission on Foundational Education | | |

EDUCATION

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Creates the Louisiana Commission on Foundational Education and abolishes the Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission

Proposed legislation creates the Louisiana Commission on Foundational Education to evaluate foundational education policy and provide recommendations to improve literacy, numeracy, and family engagement for students in kindergarten through grade eight. The commission will serve as an advisory body to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) and the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), advising on policies, regulations, procedures, and funding structures; reviewing education policies and data; and developing evidence-based recommendations aligned with research-based literacy and mathematics instruction. LDOE will provide staff to support the commission. The commission will consist of 20 members appointed by state officials, education organizations, business groups, and education stakeholders, including teachers, higher education representatives, and nonprofit organizations. Members will serve staggered terms, meet at least quarterly, and submit an annual report of findings and recommendations to the governor, legislature, and BESE. Proposed legislation abolishes the Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission and transfers its functions to the new commission.

| EXPENDITURES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 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 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) will provide staff support for the new Commission on Foundational Education using existing personnel and resources. The legislation effectively reorganizes and replaces the existing advisory commission, the Louisiana Literacy Advisory Commission, with a new commission that has an expanded scope, including mathematics and numeracy in addition to reading and literacy.

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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