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 Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Student privacy rights in regard to the LA GATOR Program		

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Allows parents to voluntarily sign a limited waiver of student privacy rights in order to streamline and expedite tuition payments for LA Gator students who are enrolled full time in BESE approved nonpublic schools. (gov siq)

Proposed legislation authorizes a voluntary, limited student privacy waiver for parents of full-time LA GATOR Program students at participating nonpublic schools. The waiver allows the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to share limited student information (name, ID, date of birth, grade, parent contact info, enrollment, and eligibility status) with the program manager and participating schools to facilitate tuition payments, enrollment verification, and reservation of student placement. Provides the program manager and schools must use the information only for scholarship administration, implement data security safeguards, and are prohibited from unauthorized redisclosure.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	\$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
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is expected to result in a one-time increase in expenditures in FY 27 of at least \$120,000, plus additional costs that cannot be determined at this time. The minimum anticipated cost of \$120,000 is associated with incorporating expedited tuition payments into the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) electronic payment system, while further indeterminable costs are expected for other data system modifications necessary to implement the voluntary, limited student privacy waiver.

The legislation requires the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to create a voluntary, limited waiver of student privacy rights for parents of full-time students in participating nonpublic schools in the LA GATOR Scholarship Program. The waiver allows LDOE to share limited student information, including student name, student identification number, date of birth, grade level, parent contact information, and enrollment and eligibility status, with the LA GATOR program manager and participating nonpublic schools to facilitate timely tuition payments, enrollment verification, and reservation of student placement, effectively streamlining and expediting the payment process. LDOE will need to modify existing data systems to capture and manage parental consent, enforce limitations on data access and redisclosure, and securely transmit authorized student information in compliance with federal and state privacy laws. These changes may also require revisions to LDOE's contract with the LA GATOR program manager. The cost of these systems and contractual modifications is indeterminable.

LDOE provides that a one-time system modification can be made by the LA GATOR program manager to reprogram the electronic payment system to allow parents to opt into automatic tuition payments for quarters two, three, and four, with the first quarter remaining a manual transaction. The projected cost of this modification is approximately \$120,000.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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