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Fiscal Note

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EDUCATION/PERSONNEL EG -\$1,500,000 GF RV See Note Page 1 of 1

Establishes the Athletic Trainer Professional Development Program in the Dept. of Education and provides for administration, qualification, and implementation of the various components of the program

Proposed legislation creates the Athletic Trainer Professional Development Program within the Department of Education (LDE). Requires the LDE to develop, administer, and implement a plan for recruitment and retention of athletic trainers at high schools in rural areas. Implementation may include advertising and promotion, professional recruitment services, travel, and all other necessary tasks, not to exceed \$75,000. No later than January 1, 2023, the LDE shall begin to administer a loan repayment program for athletic trainers willing to work for a high school in a rural area. Loans shall be repaid at the following rates: \$6,000 per year of service if the applicant obtained a degree from a Louisiana institution; or \$4,000 per year of service if the applicant obtained a degree outside of Louisiana. Creates the Athletic Trainer Professional Development Fund to be used for programs in the proposed legislation. Authorizes the Treasurer to deposit \$1.5 M into the fund. Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	(\$1,500,000)	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	(\$1,500,000)
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$1,500,000	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$1,500,000
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be increased statutory dedications expenditures for the Department of Education (LDE) to advertise, promote, procure professional recruitment services, travel and other tasks associated with implementing a recruitment and retention plan for athletic trainers at high schools in rural areas; such costs are limited to \$75,000. Per the LDE, actual costs are indeterminable and it is unclear whether the Department would be able to implement a plan with the required budget.

There will be increase statutory dedications expenditures for the LDE to repay educational loans obtained by eligible applicants. Costs will vary based on the number of athletic trainers that apply and are eligible, the amount of student loans, and the applicant's length of service. The LDE is still in the process of determining the potential workload associated with administering the loan repayment program and may require additional staff. As of 2020, there were 594 athletic trainers with active licenses in Louisiana; however, it is unknown how many will qualify for loan repayments now or in the future. If 10% of licensed athletic trainers were to be eligible for loan repayments, annual costs would range from \$263,000 if all degrees were obtained from out-of-state programs (59 x \$4,000) up to \$354,000 if all degrees were obtained from in-state programs (59 x \$6,000).

For purposes of the fiscal note, the LFO assumes costs to be funded through the statutorily dedicated Athletic Trainer Professional Development Fund created by the proposed legislation.

Creating a new statutory dedication within the state treasury will result in a marginal workload increase for the Department of Treasury, which can generally be absorbed within existing resources. However, to the extent other legislative instruments create new statutory dedications, there may be material additional costs associated with the aggregate effort to administer these funds. The Treasury performs fund accounting, financial reporting, banking and other custodial functions for 436 special funds. When unable to absorb additional workload with existing resources, the Treasury anticipates it will be required to add one T.O. position at a total personnel services cost of approximately \$73,000, plus approximately \$2,450 for a one-time purchase of office equipment. These expenditures are assumed to be SGF in this fiscal note.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law authorizes the state treasurer to deposit \$1.5 M from the state general fund into the newly created Athletic Trainer Professional Development Fund. The LFO assumes such transfer to occur beginning in FY 23; however, it is unclear whether the legislation requires a one-time deposit or annually recurring deposits.

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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