

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 38** SLS 24RS 121

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: EDUCATION	Analyst: Julie Silva
Subject: Course Choice Program	

CURRICULA RE NO IMPACT See Note
Provide with respect to the Course Choice Program. (7/1/25)

Proposed legislation changes the definition of "eligible funded student" from a student who has obtained approval from the local school superintendent or other governing authority of a school in which the student is enrolled that they plan to take a course provided through the Course Choice Program to a student who obtains parental approval after consulting with the designee of a school governing authority prior to enrolling in such a course. Proposed legislation also removes the requirement that a public school governing authority determine the appropriateness of a requested course and instead provides they are to advise a student and the student's parents on whether the course is appropriate during discussion of the student's Individual Graduation Plan. Proposed legislation restricts the choice of course if a school counselor determines it is not academically appropriate in consideration of a student's major or graduation pathway, or if the course violated Louisiana Department of Education-published high school planning resources. Effective July 1, 2025.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

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

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) reports they will not experience any impacts as a result of permitting parental choice in regards to the Course Choice Program. Current law requires a student to obtain approval from the local school superintendent or other designee of the governing authority prior to enrollment in a course under the Course Choice Program. Proposed legislation requires instead that the student consult with an individual designated by the governing authority of the school in which the student is enrolled and receive an affirmative determination by the student's counselor that the course selected by the student and their guardian is academically appropriate and does not violate any of the department's published requirements concerning graduation planning prior to being permitted to enroll in a course. Due to existing requirements for designated authorities and the traditional advisory role of school counselors, there is no anticipated impact to local education agencies as a result of proposed legislation.

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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