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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **SB 346** SLS 24RS 523
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: EDUCATION		
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 EG NO IMPACT See Note
 Provides for wellness programs in schools to address mental health and substance abuse disorders. (gov sig)

Proposed legislation requires each city and parish school board, including charter schools, to establish grade-appropriate wellness programs in each school with the purpose of providing education, information, and counseling related to mental health and substance abuse disorders. Requires the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) as approved by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to provide for programs including services that will increase students' mental health literacy and promote emotional and behavioral learning. Effective upon governor's signature.

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
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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 codifies existing Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved requirements concerning mental health and substance abuse instruction in schools, which the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) provides, as approved by BESE, are already included in the Louisiana Administrative Code. The rule provides the following concerning substance abuse instruction in schools: Elementary schools shall provide a minimum of 16 contact hours of substance abuse prevention education each school year. Instruction shall be provided within a comprehensive school health program. Secondary schools shall provide a minimum of eight contact hours of substance abuse prevention education each school year for grades 10-12 and 16 hours for grade nine. Instruction shall be provided within a comprehensive school health program. Such programs will integrate an evidence-based, age-appropriate instructional component on opioid substance abuse prevention. Bulletin 741 also provides for the following requirements concerning mental health education: Each public school LEA shall provide age and grade appropriate instruction to students in kindergarten through twelfth grade regarding preventative mental health measures including but not limited to: (1) proper diet, exercise, risk avoidance, and stress reduction; (2) the relationship and the difference between mental health and physical health as well as brain health and emotional health; (3) identifying trauma and stress and related impacts on mental and physical health; (4) resources and services available to assist people with mental health issues; and (5) the management of stress and anxiety.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) has established the *Evidence-Based Practices Resource Center* to provide communities, clinicians, policy-makers and others with information and tools to incorporate evidence-based practices into their communities. The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the lead federal agency for research on mental disorders, offers basic information on mental disorders and related topics. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) reports resources provided by these agencies are free, and will not result in additional costs for LDOE or local education agencies.

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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