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Fiscal Note



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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Subject: Career-related activities | |

STUDENTS OR INCREASE LF EX See Note
Provides relative to career-related activities for public school students

Proposed legislation requires public schools to provide specified career awareness and exploration activities for students and strengthens documentation and reporting requirements. Schools serving grades 6–8 must continue providing at least six career-related activities annually but must ensure at least three activities meet defined criteria, such as alignment with high-demand workforce sectors, direct employer interaction, career pathway instruction, or work-based learning exposure. Additionally, at least one activity per year must be documented in each student’s Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP). Expands career awareness requirements to younger students and adds accountability provisions. Schools serving kindergarten through fifth grade must provide at least one qualifying career awareness activity before the end of fifth grade. School boards must certify annual compliance to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and maintain records documenting implementation of required activities.

| 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 | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | INCREASE | |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| 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 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is anticipated to result in an indeterminable, but minimal, increase in local governmental expenditures. Public school systems currently conduct career awareness and exploration activities and maintain (Individualized Graduation Plans) IGP for students in accordance with state requirements. Proposed legislation expands existing requirements by specifying qualifying activities, requiring documentation of at least one activity annually in student IGPs, adding a career awareness activity for younger students, and requiring school systems to certify compliance and maintain records. Increased expenditures related to these new and enhanced requirements are unknown and will vary by school system. Additionally, to the extent these responsibilities are incorporated into existing counseling, career readiness, and student planning processes, costs are expected to be mitigated.

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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