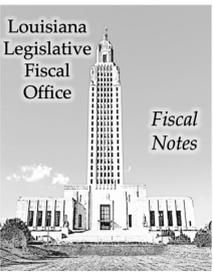


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Fiscal Note On: **HB 113** HLS 26RS 216
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 Provides for retroactive application of the uniform 10-point grading scale requirement to the grades of students who were enrolled in the ninth grade during the 2023-2024 school year
 Proposed legislation makes the provisions of Act 428 of the 2024 RS retroactive to apply to students who were enrolled in the ninth grade during the 2023-24 school year. Act 428 required implementation of a uniform 10-point grading scale for all public schools, including charter schools, effective at the start of the 2024-25 school year.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
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						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation may result in an increase in expenditures for the Tuition Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) Program. The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid (LOSFA) reports that any impact to the annual cost to fully fund the TOPS Program is indeterminable as it will be dependent on the extent to which proposed legislation increases overall GPAs for the 2026-27 graduating class as reported by public schools. While the adjusted GPAs may result in increased eligibility for higher award amounts.

For informational purposes, based on the FY 25 average award amount of \$9,665, for every 10 additional students who qualify for TOPS there would be a \$100,000 annual increase in SGF. The LFO cannot determine the total impact, because it is unknown how many additional students will qualify for the scholarship under proposed legislation.

Proposed law may result in a one-time increase in administrative workload for local school systems in FY 27 in order to recalculate grades earned by students in the ninth grade during the 2023-24 school year to conform to the uniform 10-point grading scale, but this can be absorbed by existing staff.

Note: Information concerning the impact of proposed legislation to local education agencies (LEAs) has been requested from the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA). No response was received prior to the publication of this fiscal note. If and when additional, relevant information is received this note will be updated.

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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