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 Requires assignment of student identification numbers to children in certain early childhood education programs

Proposed legislation requires the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to assign a unique student identifier to children enrolled in early childhood programs, beginning in August 2027. Provides that a number assigned to a child remains with them permanently and is not replaced or reassigned when the child enters elementary, middle, or high school.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is anticipated to increase workload for the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), but any associated increase in expenditures is indeterminable. LDOE indicates that manually assigning and linking unique identifier numbers (UIDs) for early childhood programs could require three additional full-time staff, at an estimated annual cost of approximately \$383,583 beginning in FY 27 (\$339,210 salaries and related benefits and \$44,373 operating expenses). The LFO cannot independently verify the number of personnel that might be needed; however, if manual linkage is required, the workload could increase to a degree that will warrant additional staff.

The legislation requires LDOE to assign UIDs to children in publicly funded early childhood programs, including pre-kindergarten programs at schools and licensed early learning centers, and permits assignment for children in nonpublic programs with parental consent. Identifiers must remain with each child for the duration of their enrollment in any Louisiana public school system. LDOE currently administers a statewide student identifier system pursuant to La. R.S. 17:3914, under which local education agencies assign K-12 identifiers, while the department maintains the system through a third-party vendor with no access to personally identifiable student information. Because this system is in place, implementation of the proposed legislation will require LDOE to create identifiers for early childhood participants and subsequently link them to a K-12 student number.

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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