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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 540** HLS 13RS 1046  
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<b>Subject:</b> Deadlines for certification	

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 Repeals provisions of law relative to teacher certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

Present law provides for an annual salary supplement for school teachers, counselors, and psychologists who have appropriate credentials from the state of Louisiana and a national board. For any individual to be eligible for the salary supplement, current law requires initial receipt of the applicable certificate or credential by July 1, 2013. Proposed law repeals the date for receipt of the certificate or credential.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Local school district expenditures could increase up to \$6,360 per individual to provide a salary supplement in the event additional teachers, counselors and psychologists obtain certain national certification. School systems may use local resources or federal funds, if it is deemed eligible to use the federal funds for such purposes, to provide the supplement to eligible individuals. Current law requires the initial certification from either the National Board for Certified Counselors, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards or National School Psychology Certification Board be obtained before July 1, 2013 to be eligible for a salary supplement. The proposed law removes the date requirement, therefore, allowing individuals obtaining such certifications/credentials after that date to be eligible for a salary supplement.

Per current statute, teachers who obtain the certification are eligible for an annual amount not less than \$5,000. School counselors who obtain the credential are eligible for an annual amount of \$5,000 and school psychologists who obtain the credential are eligible for an amount not to exceed \$5,000. For each eligible individual receiving a supplement, local school district expenditures will increase up to \$5,000 per individual plus the associated retirement contribution of 27.2% (retirement rate for teachers for FY 14), for a maximum payment of \$6,360. The Department of Education does not have information on the total amount that each district is currently providing for each category of individuals with these certifications/credentials. Some school systems may not provide the full \$5,000 salary supplement for each category of individuals with national certification.

It is not possible to determine the number of individuals who may obtain such certification in the future. For illustrative purposes, if an additional 100 individuals statewide were able to obtain certification as a result of the deadline date being repealed, expenditures could increase up to \$636,000 to provide a \$5,000 supplement and the associated retirement costs (\$1,360). If a district does not provide the full amount allowed by statute, the related increase in expenditures would be less than what is noted in the example.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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