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Fiscal Note On: **HB 954** HLS 14RS 1244

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: LA 4 Early Childhood		

EDUCATION/PRE-K

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Provides relative to the Cecil J. Picard LA 4 Early Childhood Program

The proposed legislation requires the Department of Education (DOE) to allocate available funds to each public school system that applies for and uses funds solely for the purpose of providing a program for early childhood development and enrichment activity classes in compliance with the LA4 Early Childhood Program. The bill provides eligibility criteria and authorizes tuition and fees for participating children. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, DOE shall determine the demand for LA4 programs, the availability of funding, the method for the equitable distribution of available funds, and the difference in funding required and available. Further provides that beginning the 2014-2015 school year, participating systems may use at least 10% of the total increase in funding for collaborative agreements with nonschool system providers that meet certain requirements. The bill provides requirements for school systems relative to the program, educational content, teacher certification, student teacher ratios, classroom instructional supplies, professional development and facilities. The DOE shall provide technical assistance, program evaluation and professional development.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation creates the structure for coordinating and unifying funding. DOE would use current staffing and infrastructure to administer the LA 4 program. The bill allows for, but does not require, local school systems to use increases in funding to enter into collaborative agreements with private providers which meet certain requirements.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There will be an indeterminable increase in revenues to local school systems from tuition and fees charged to participating students. The extent of the increase will depend upon the number of non "at risk" participants who are charged tuition based on a sliding scale as well as fees for the cost of meals and before and after care charged to all participants.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H} | | | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S} |
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