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BUS DRIVERS OR INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 2
 Requires school bus operators to be certified in CPR and first aid. (gov sig)

Proposed law would require the Department of Education (LDE) to incorporate CPR and first aid certification that is in compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements into the existing program for training and certification of school bus operators.

Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$61,500 for the Department of Education and an increase in local expenditures of approximately \$1.1 M. These costs will vary from year-to-year due to local staffing changes and to ensure recertification of impacted employees. Costs may be reduced to the extent some districts already require CPR certification, however the number of districts currently providing this training is unknown.

State law requires the LDE to develop and implement a program for the training and certification of school bus operators. Currently, the LDE conducts three-day training sessions to certify Master Instructors and School Bus Driver Instructors who conduct training sessions for school bus drivers. Both Master Instructors and School Bus Driver Instructors are transportation staff with local school systems or private providers of transportation services. New school bus drivers must complete a three-day training session and existing drivers must complete a minimum of eight hours of in-service training within a two-year period. The proposed legislation would require existing school bus drivers, as well as new employees to obtain CPR and first aid certification that is OSHA compliant.

LDE costs will increase by an estimated \$61,500 in order to ensure all School Bus Driver Instructors are certified as Red Cross Licensed Training Providers. At least one instructor at each district (and approved charter schools) would need to become a Red Cross Licensed Training Provider for an estimated \$60,000 in course fees (75 trainees x \$800 course cost per trainee), plus an estimated \$1,500 instructor fees (\$250 x 6 regional sessions). There would be ongoing costs to LDE to renew Licensed Training Provider certifications and to train new Instructors due to attrition or retirement.

Because the Red Cross only has three training sites in Louisiana (Baton Rouge, Shreveport, and New Orleans), local school districts would likely host the training sessions. This training would be conducted by LDE-certified School Bus Driver Instructors who have themselves completed the necessary CPR training.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate Dual Referral Rules
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 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
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Local school district costs will increase by an estimated \$1,071,000 to provide a two-year certification course for each driver, at a cost of \$126. Because local school districts implement the current training and certification program for school bus operators, it is likely that they would bear the majority of CPR and first aid certification costs. Per the LDE, there are approximately 7,500 bus drivers and an additional 1,000 substitute drivers for a total of 8,500 personnel requiring certification. There would be ongoing costs to renew both certifications for school bus drivers every two years, and to ensure new hires complete the required training.

An unknown number of districts already provide CPR and first aid training to school bus drivers. Per Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, CPR and first aid training should involve hands-on skills through the use of mannequins and partners. Online training alone does not meet OSHA standards. To the extent existing training meets criteria contained in proposed legislation, local district costs would be reduced.

Finally, because many districts and charter schools rely on contracted school bus drivers, those entities would be responsible for ensuring CPR and first aid certification. In such cases, it is likely those entities would pass the costs onto the districts and charter schools through their contracts.

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