



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **SB 403** SLS 22RS 976  
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<b>Subject:</b> Prekindergarten		<b>Analyst:</b> Garrett Ordner

EARLY CHILDHOOD ED OR INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to screening or testing required for entrance in a public prekindergarten program. (gov sig)

Proposed legislation provides that the youngest age at which a child may enter prekindergarten shall be three years old by the September 30 of the year in which the child begins prekindergarten. Provides that any mandatory screening or testing for entrance into a prekindergarten program shall be provided by the city, parish, or local school board at no cost to the child. The results of any mandatory screening or testing shall be provided to the child's parent or legal guardian at least 15 days prior to the deadline for applying to the program.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There will likely be significant local costs to provide prekindergarten instruction and adequate facilities to students who are three years old by September 30 of the year in which the child enrolls. Note: The LFO assumes that the proposed legislation will not require public prekindergarten programs to be licensed as early learning centers.

Current law provides that the minimum age to enroll in a public prekindergarten program shall be two years less than the minimum age to enter first grade; however, Act 386 of the 2021 R.S. eliminated the subsection providing a minimum age for first grade. Proposed legislation sets the minimum age for prekindergarten enrollment at three years old on or before September 30 of the year of enrollment.

On the first day of school, some children may still be as young as two years old. There will likely be increased costs to school districts to develop a prekindergarten curriculum and obtain materials and supplies suitable for these younger children. These younger children may also require smaller furniture, age-appropriate playground equipment, and adequate bathroom facilities. Such costs are expected to be significant, but are indeterminable.

There may be costs to school districts associated with scheduling screenings in order to provide results to parents or legal guardians at least fifteen days prior to the program's application deadline; however, such costs are indeterminable and unlikely to be significant.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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