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SCHOOLS/FINANCE EG +\$232,710 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Requires school boards to post certain fiscal information on their websites

Proposed law requires each city, parish, and other local school board to post its budget and general summary, as provided for in present law, on its website. Propose law further requires the city, parish, and other local school board to post the auditor report by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor on its website. Proposed law also requires each city, parish, and other local school board to post reports detailing actual revenues, receipts, expenditures, and disbursements on its website on a quarterly basis. Propose law further requires the reports to include information concerning the school board's contracts for each question, including without limitation the identity of each vendor, the purpose of each contract, and payments associated with each contract.

Proposed law requires each city, parish, and other local school board to send these reports to the Treasury. The Treasury is required to post the information on its website. Subject to the availability of funds, proposed law requires the Treasury to provide an online tool for comparison of school board budgets and expenditures, in total and on a per pupil basis.

<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.	\$232,710	\$207,818	\$210,452	\$214,766	\$215,961	<b>\$1,081,707</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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
<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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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Propose law will result in an increase in expenditures within the Treasury to collect, interpret, and make available on its website the financial information provided by each city, parish, and other local school board. The department indicates it will incur one-time costs in FY 23 of \$145,000 to secure the technology platform necessary to retain, collect, and maintain the budget data for use in the public database tool and a recurring cost of \$120,000 in FY 24-FY 27 to run and maintain the software. In addition, the department reports it will require one additional T.O. position, a data analyst, to collect, interpret, and make the data available online. The department estimates the position will have an average salary of \$60,000 plus related benefits. Assuming a 2% annual market rate adjustment, the department estimates the new position will increase expenditures as follows: FY 23 - \$85,260, FY 24 - \$87,818, FY 25 - \$90,452, FY 26 - \$93,166, FY 27 - \$95,961. The department also estimates it will need \$2,450 in FY 23 to provide equipment necessary for the new position and \$1,600 in FY 26 to update the equipment. With operating expenses for the software and the additional personnel services, the total cost for the Treasury is as follows: FY 23 - \$232,710 (\$145,000 software + \$85,260 salary and related benefits + \$2,450 equipment), FY 24 - \$207,818 (\$120,000 software + \$87,818 salary and related benefits), FY 25 - \$210,452 (\$120,000 equipment + \$90,452 salary and related benefits), FY 26 - \$214,766 (\$120,000 software + \$93,166 salary and related benefits + \$1,600 equipment), and FY 27 - \$215,961 (\$120,000 equipment + \$95,961 salary and related benefits).

Proposed law may also result in an increase in expenditures to school boards across the state. Representatives from various school boards across the state have indicated that this will certainly increase the workload required of them. Some school boards have indicated that the increased workload is absorbable with existing staff while others have indicated they may need additional support, especially concerning the quarterly reports of contracts. Most school boards already provide some, if not all, of this information on their websites. To the extent that additional data reporting software is required, some school boards may realize a cost to implement proposed law. Actual costs will vary by school board and will depend on whether additional personnel is needed and which data/reporting format the school board decides to use.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate  
 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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