



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE  
Fiscal Note**

Fiscal Note On: **HB 214** HLS 22RS 682  
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 Opp. Chamb. Action:  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Education		
<b>Subject:</b> Elementary Education Teacher Certification		<b>Analyst:</b> Garrett Ordner

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 Requires passage of a reading instruction test as a condition of teacher certification in elementary education

Proposed legislation requires candidates for initial elementary teacher certification to pass a rigorous test of scientifically-researched, evidence-based reading instruction and intervention, including data-based decision-making principles related to reading instruction and intervention, as approved by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE). Effective January 1, 2024.

EXPENDITURES	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The Department of Education (LDE) indicates that there will be increased workload to verify passage of an additional exam on teacher certification applications, write and codify policy, communicate to stakeholder groups, and train specialists. In addition, the LDE reports that its Certification and Literacy Content staff will need to review and assist in the development of the exam. The LDE reports that this will be accomplished with existing staff and will not require additional positions.

The LDE reports that it is inquiring with Educational Testing Service (ETS) on the potential development of an exam that would meet the requirements of the proposed legislation. The LDE believes that this will not impose additional state costs. Applicants for certification will likely need to pay a fee to ETS to take the exam.

Alternatively, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) could add the Teaching Reading: Elementary (5205) exam, currently offered by ETS, to the list of required PRAXIS exams needed for certification. The exam fee for teacher certification applicants would be \$156.

Note: The proposed legislation defines "elementary teacher" as a teacher for grades K-5. To cover the full range of grade levels specified in the bill, teachers seeking certifications in grades PK-3 and grades 1-5 will need to take the exam. It is unclear whether teachers with existing certifications will be required to take the proposed exam when seeking to add an elementary education endorsement to their certificate.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

Senate      Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 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}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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