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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 792** HLS 22RS 494
 Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
 Opp. Chamb. Action:
 Proposed Amd.:
 Sub. Bill For.:

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 Provides relative to literacy instruction and reading support services for certain students in grades six through 12

Proposed legislation establishes a school literacy initiative for eligible students in grades 6-12 that are reading below grade level. Provides that each public school governing authority shall identify students eligible to receive literacy instruction and reading support services and to notify the parent or guardian, and establish a process for the parent or guardian to enter into a memorandum of understanding that the student is receiving additional assistance. Requires the Department of Education (LDE) to evaluate district expenditure plans, establish minimal criteria for literacy instruction providers, and conduct evaluations for effectiveness. Defines literacy instruction and reading support services as any of the following: instructional materials and curriculum aligned with state academic content standards; tutoring services by certified staff; summer education programs; and after-school education programs. Requires districts to include literacy initiative in their Education Excellence Fund (EEF) expenditure plan or use any federal, state, or local funds appropriated for increasing literacy or supporting academic achievement. Provides for reporting requirements. Effective upon governor's signature.

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

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There will be increased costs to the Department of Education (LDE) to evaluate instructional materials designed to improve reading or literacy skills. The LDE reports that the Instructional Materials Review (IMR) process will cost \$134,415 per year. There may be additional costs if assessments are needed to identify eligible students. There will also be costs to local districts to provide literacy instruction and reading support services to eligible students. The proposed legislation requires school districts to include the purposes of the literacy initiative in their EEF expenditure plans, or use any federal, state, or local funds appropriated for the purpose of increasing literacy or supporting academic achievement.

The LDE reports it will require \$104,415 per year to create one (1) Education Program Consultant 3 position (\$72,000 salary and \$32,400 related benefits). This employee will coordinate additional IMR required by the proposed legislation. The LDE reports it will also require \$30,000 in annual operating expenses, including \$1,108 in travel expenses, \$150 for supplies, and \$28,742 for operating expenses in support of the IMR process. The proposed legislation requires the LDE to evaluate providers of literacy instruction and reading support services to determine their initial and continued eligibility; however, the LDE reports that this will be done with existing staff.

The extent to which this legislation will prompt districts to offer literacy instruction and reading support services above-and-beyond service levels currently being provided is indeterminable. Local costs could be significant but will vary based on the type of services and the number of eligible students. Potential services may include instructional materials and curriculum, tutoring services, summer education programs, and after-school education programs. For illustrative purposes, materials and instructional supplies are estimated to cost \$1,200 per classroom, while hiring an Instructional Coach may cost \$84,000 (\$60,000 salary and \$24,000 related benefits).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

<p><u>Senate</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}</p>	<p><u>House</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}</p>	
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