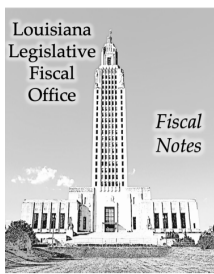


LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 81** SLS 23RS 186

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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| Dept./Agy.: Education | | Analyst: Julie Silva |
| Subject: Associate educator program | | |

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Provides for the associate educator program. (gov sig)

Proposed legislation allows the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to develop an associate educator program. Through this program, local education authorities would be permitted to authorize certain individuals with an associate's degree, and who meet other requirements, to serve as teachers. These provisions will terminate on December 31, 2033.

| EXPENDITURES | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 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 | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |
| REVENUES | 2023-24 | 2024-25 | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| 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> |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation is likely to lead to a net decrease in the expenditures of local education agencies (LEAs). LEAs would see a decrease in expenditures as the salary of program participants is capped at 75% of the average classroom teacher salary of the employing school system. Up to 10% of the teaching staff in a school district can be program participants. LEAs may see a minimal increase in expenditures associated with required criminal history record checks for participants. The LFO estimates that a single criminal history record check will cost \$54.25, comprised of a \$13.25 federal background check fee, a \$26.00 state background check fee, a \$10.00 vendor fingerprinting fee, and a \$5.00 sheriff's technology fee. LEAs would also be responsible for \$2,000 stipend payments to mentor teachers who may be assigned to participants, subject to appropriation of funds for that purpose. All of these impacts are dependent on the extent to which an LEA opts to participate in the program.

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) reports there will be no impact on expenditures at the department level. The program will require enhancements to the current LDE data system to collect relevant staffing data; however, that cost is already covered by an existing contract.

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}

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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