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Requires foundational numeracy skills standards as a component of teacher education programs

Proposed law adds foundational numeracy skills to the requirements for approved teacher education programs offered at postsecondary institutions. Requires the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to update its teacher certification requirements and teacher education program requirements to reflect these requisite foundational numeracy standards.

EXPENDITURES	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW					
Agy. Self-Gen.	SEE BELOW					
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						
REVENUES	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	<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

The proposed legislation could result in marginal added costs at select institutions, however, most campuses report having no significant fiscal impact. The LFO anticipates any potential added costs would have to be absorbed by a campus's education and general operating budget originating from existing SGF appropriations or SGR collections, unless funding is appropriated by the legislature for this specific purpose.

There are 14 public postsecondary institutions offering teacher education programs in the state: 9 in the University of Louisiana System, 3 in the Louisiana State University system, and 2 in the Southern University System. Some institutions did report a variety of potential costs associated with the alignment to the foundational numeracy standards such as:

- 1. One-time costs to identify and purchase new instructional materials and modify course syllabi and assessments
- 2. Faculty professional development and training on foundational numeracy

3. Development of a new course or adding course sections during a semester to meet student registration demand

4. Hiring new faculty

Both the Louisiana Department of Education and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) report there will not be significant costs to revise teacher certification requirements, update policies, and provide training to align with the proposed law.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

