

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



Fiscal Note On: **SB 72** SLS 24RS 171

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Literacy screening for students with dyslexia		

STUDENTS RE NO IMPACT LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
 Exempts students with dyslexia from certain literacy examinations and provides for alternative progress monitoring tests. (gov sig)
 Proposed legislation exempts students diagnosed with dyslexia, as defined in R.S. 17:392.11, from all literacy examinations and instead requires that schools administer a national norm-referenced test that assesses phonological skills and oral reading fluency.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed legislation may result in an increase in local fund expenditures, but such an increase is not anticipated to be significant. Proposed changes will exempt students with dyslexia from requirements of existing law (R.S. 17:24.10), which provides that all students in kindergarten through third grade be screened for literacy three times each school year. Schools are instead required to administer a national norm-referenced test that assesses phonological skills and oral reading fluency.

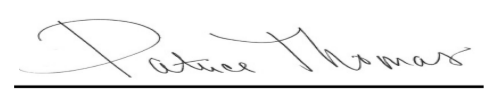
Any impact to local school districts will be determined by the number of enrolled kindergarten through third grade students who have a diagnosis of dyslexia. These students would no longer be required to take the three annual literacy screeners in existing law (R.S. 17:24.10), but instead be administered an alternative test. Based on data included in the *Annual Report of Dyslexia*, published by the Louisiana Department of Education in February 2024, there are an estimated 2,500 students enrolled in kindergarten through third grade who would be exempted from literacy screeners based on the proposed legislation. Increases in local fund expenditures will vary by district and be dependent on the specific norm-referenced test that assesses phonological skills and oral reading fluency selected.

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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