



LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 327** HLS 25RS 448

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Education/BESE		
Subject: Grading scale for TOPS Award Eligibility		Analyst: Julie Silva

TOPS

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Requires schools to use a 10-point grading scale to assign grades used in the calculation of the minimum grade point average required for initial award eligibility

Proposed legislation requires all public and approved nonpublic schools to use a 10-point grading scale for the purpose of assigning grades used in the calculation of the minimum grade point average for the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award qualification, regardless of whether the school uses a different grading scale for other purposes.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Aid (LOSFA) reports that any potential impact to the annual cost to fully fund the TOPS program is indeterminable as it will be dependent on the extent to which proposed legislation increases overall GPAs reported by approved nonpublic schools. While there is the potential that the adjusted GPAs result in increased eligibility for higher award amounts, data needed to determine such an impact is not collected by LOSFA. It is not anticipated this would result in a significant fiscal impact to the state, if one is realized at all.

There is no anticipated increase for public schools to comply with the provisions of proposed legislation. Act 428 of the 2024 RS enacted legislation requiring all public schools, including charter schools, to use a 10-point grading scale.

Nonpublic schools may experience an increase in costs to either adopt a new grading scale or convert their existing grading scale to meet the requirements of proposed legislation, but such an impact is not anticipated to be significant.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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- ☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
- ☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

- ☐ 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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