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**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 218** HLS 26RS 647

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Food insecurity screening program		

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Provides for the administration of food insecurity screenings to public school students

Proposed legislation requires school boards to screen students in grades kindergarten through 12 for food insecurity at enrollment, once each semester thereafter, and during visits to school-based health clinics. Additionally requires the provision of family outreach services and referral to community resources if the results of the screening indicate a student is at risk for food insecurity. Requires the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) in consultation with the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to identify and provide a no-cost screening tool for this purpose.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

  

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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on state or local governmental expenditures as a result of administering food insecurity screenings and providing for standardized procedures for responding to screening results as provided in proposed legislation. Any increase in workload related to these requirements is expected to be absorbable within existing processes and using existing resources.

Multiple validated screening tools are available at no cost, including the Hunger Vital Sign, a standard two-question tool recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, which can be readily integrated into existing local education agency student enrollment and health screening processes. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) will also utilize existing personnel to support school systems in implementing the screening tool.

Note: Information concerning the impact of proposed legislation to local education agencies (LEAs) has been requested from the Louisiana School Boards Association (LSBA). No response was received prior to the publication of this fiscal note. If and when additional relevant information is received, this note will be updated.

**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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