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<b>Subject:</b> Louisiana Virtual School		

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Provides for the Louisiana Virtual School. (gov sig)

Creates the Louisiana Virtual School in the Department of Education as a technology-based program that expands learning opportunities to students through courses of study that may not otherwise be available locally.

The legislation requires that each public secondary school, no later than January 1, 2012, to complete the following: 1) Enter into a legal agreement with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE); 2) Identify a school site facilitator to oversee the registration process for students and assist in administrative matters; 3) Develop and adopt local policies that provide students with educational opportunities through the virtual school.

Requires, beginning on January 1, 2012, and thereafter, that the governing authority of each public secondary school inform each student and parent/legal guardian in writing of the virtual school option and available course offerings.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2011-12</b>	<b>2012-13</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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Agy. Self-Gen.	\$75,000	\$150,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	<b>\$900,000</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The Virtual School Program is currently administered through a contract with the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, in Natchitoches, La. To the degree that notification to all students statewide regarding the availability of courses through the virtual school results in increased enrollment numbers over current levels, the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts may be required to hire additional instructors in either full-time equivalent or part-time status. It is not anticipated that an expansion of staff would be required in FY 12 to accommodate an increase of 500 enrollments.

Funding for classroom instruction at the Virtual School (personnel and administrative expenses) is derived from Louisiana Quality Education Support Fund 8(g) grants. In the current fiscal year, the grant award to the Virtual School is \$2.1M and the projected amount for FY 12 will remain the same.

LDOE currently expends approximately \$150 per student per course enrollment based on actual average costs associated with course materials, technical components such as software and hardware licensing, and e-mail access. This fiscal note assumes a total increase in course enrollment of 500 in FY 12 (500 X \$150 = \$75,000), 1,000 in FY 13 (1,000 X \$150 = \$150,000), and 1,500 in FY 14 and beyond (1,500 X \$150 = \$225,000). To the degree that course enrollments exceed or fall short of projections, the expenditures of the department will increase or decrease by \$150 per enrollment.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

The Louisiana Department of Education will collect revenues from school districts with students enrolled for courses in the Louisiana Virtual School.

Participating school districts currently pay a cost of \$150 per student per course enrollment (based on department cost projections as noted under expenditure explanation) for students within the school district who take an online virtual school course offering. This fiscal note assumes a total increase in course enrollment of 500 in FY 12 (500 X \$150 = \$75,000), 1,000 in FY 13 (1,000 X \$150 = \$150,000), and 1,500 in FY 14 and beyond (1,500 X \$150 = \$225,000). To the degree that course enrollments exceed or fall short of projections, the revenues for the department will increase or decrease by \$150 per enrollment.

Each local school district, through policy change or adoption, will determine whether this \$150 cost per course per student shall be paid entirely out of existing system funds, subsidized by existing system funds, paid entirely by the student or his/her parent or legal guardian, or paid through some other locally identified governmental or private option (scholarship, grant, etc.).

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