

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **HB 243** HLS 13RS 761

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> TOPS Eligibility for Students with IB Diplomas		

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHIP EG INCREASE GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to the eligibility of certain students who graduate from certain out-of-state or out-of-country high schools to receive a Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) award  
 Proposed law provides eligibility for TOPS awards under alternative academic guidelines if the student graduated during the 2009-2010 school year or thereafter with an International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma from a high school located outside La. or the U.S. and approved by the IB Organization to issue such a diploma. An IB Diploma is awarded from educational institutions that meet standards established by International Baccalaureate Organization.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2013-14</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
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<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The bill's affect on TOPS expenditures should not be materially significant. The Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) has identified one student affected by the proposed legislation. The average annual TOPS award in FY 14 is projected to be \$4,682 per student. As such, the bill will increase TOPS expenditures by approximately \$4,682 per year for each student affected. However, TOPS expenditures are estimated each year and the appropriations bill includes language stating that the TOPS appropriation is "more or less estimated" based on the actual number and costs of TOPS awards each year. As such, adding one or a few students per the bill will be insignificant relative to the normal adjustments to the TOPS budget each year.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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| <u>Senate</u>                                                               | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u>                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H} |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S} |

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