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Provides for the structure and organization of governance of the school system in Lafayette Parish, including a commission to propose a plan therefore and for voter approval

Purpose of Bill: This measure is contingent upon HB 593 (constitutional amendment) passing and would create the Lafayette Parish School Governance Commission if the following occur: (1) 10,000 electors of Lafayette Parish request appointment of the commission by petition; and (2) the Lafayette local government approves by: (1) a majority of Lafayette City-Parish Council adopts a resolution requesting the appointment of the commission; (2) three of the five mayors of municipalities in Lafayette Parish sign a statement requesting the appointment; or (3) the Lafayette City-Parish president signs a statement requesting the appointment. If the commission is created, this measure would provide for the appointment of the commission, and would require the commission to create a plan for the structure and organization of governance for the Lafayette Parish School System within two years. Once the commission develops a plan and files it with the governor, a special election will be held within six months. Lafayette Parish electors will then approve or reject the plan.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The fiscal impact on governmental expenditures is indeterminable as a result of this measure.

Prior to the creation of the commission, the petition must be certified by the Lafayette Parish Registrar of Voters. According to the Secretary of State's Office and Lafayette Parish Registrar of Voters, personnel may be required to work overtime, which would be paid with compensatory time.

The current measure provides that the commission can expend funds, but it does not allocate funds to the commission. Therefore, the impact on expenditures is indeterminable.

According to an official with the Lafayette Parish School Board, the effect this measure would have on expenditures would depend on the plan the commission proposes, provided that the commission is created. This impact cannot be estimated currently.

Expenditure Explanation continued on page 2

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The fiscal impact on governmental revenues is indeterminable as a result of this measure.

The current measure provides that the commission can receive funds, but it does not allocate funds to the commission. Therefore, the impact on revenues is indeterminate at this time.

- Senate Dual Referral Rules House
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13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
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**CONTINUED EXPLANATION from page one:**  
**Continued Expenditure Explanation (from page 1)**

According to an official with the Lafayette Consolidated Government, this measure should have no fiscal impact because expenses incurred from this legislation should be paid directly from taxes currently dedicated to Lafayette Parish Public Schools.

If the commission is created and the plan is proposed, then this measure would require a Lafayette Parish special election. According to an official with the Secretary of State's Office, if this election is held during a statewide election, the additional costs would be minimal. However, if the election is not held during a statewide election the costs could be much greater as the costs would all be incurred by the local governmental entities. Without knowing when the election will occur the election costs cannot be determined at this time.

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