

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



Fiscal Note On: **SB 179** SLS 14RS 300  
 Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**  
 Opp. Chamb. Action: **w/ HSE COMM AMD**  
 Proposed Amd.:  
 Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Course Choice		

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 Provides with respect to the Course Choice Program.(gov sig)

The proposed legislation revises the definition of "eligible funded student" to include one who meets the following: 1) attends a public elementary or secondary school, and 2) has obtained approval from the local school superintendent to enroll in the course. The bill further redefines a voucher student as an "eligible participating student". Requires annual updates and publication of course catalogs to include any dual enrollment courses offered by LA post secondary educational institutions. Requires the governing authorities to establish policies to approve enrollment in courses and to determine whether requested courses are academically appropriate for the student. The bill states that providers shall receive a course amount as approved by BESE. The bill requires the state to disburse any funds allocated, appropriated or otherwise made available to each public school system and other public school. The bill repeals the requirement that each student enroll in at least one course at the school in which he is enrolled full time. Effective upon governor's signature.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is an indeterminable impact on state and local expenditures as a result of revisions in the payment method to course providers. There may be an increase in expenditures due to an increase in the number of eligible students. Although the bill removes students participating in the Student Scholarship for Educational Excellence Program (SSEEP) from the category of "eligible funded student", it expands the potential number of "eligible funded students" by including students from all schools and not just those graded "C", "D", or "F". This would likely result in an increase in participants. However, any corresponding increase in participation could be mitigated due to the requirement that the superintendent approve the student's enrollment based, in part, on the determination that the course is academically appropriate for the student.

There could be a decrease in expenditures due to possible reductions in course amounts if those charges must be approved by BESE. Currently, the course amounts are determined by the course provider equal to the market rate, as determined by the provider, in an amount up to 1/6 of 90% of the MFP per pupil amount (example: \$8,605 x 90% = \$7,744/6 = \$1,290). However, the bill would authorize DOE to approve course amounts established by the course provider, and requires the state to disburse funds to the school system or other public school.

**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"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S} |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & 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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