

## **LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE Fiscal Note**

**1115** HLS 14RS 1642 Fiscal Note On: HB

Bill Text Version: REENGROSSED Opp. Chamb. Action: w/ SEN COMM AMD

Proposed Amd.: Sub. Bill For.:

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**Subject:** Changes TOPS High School Core Curriculum Requirements

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STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHP RE1 NO IMPACT GF EX See Note Provides relative to high school core curriculum requirements with respect to the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS)

Proposed law authorizes the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to designate by rule course equivalencies for Civics in order to ensure the alignment of graduation requirements with the Taylor Opportunity Program for Students (TOPS) core curriculum requirements for social studies. The bill states that any course designated by the board as an equivalent to Civics must contain subject matter content that is aligned with that contained in a Civics course. Current law requires four units of social studies to meet TOPS core curriculum requirements including the following: one unit of U. S. History, one-half unit of Government/Politics, one-half unit Economics, one unit of Civics that may be substituted for Government/Politics or Economics, and two units of History or International Baccalaureate (IB) Economics. Proposed law combines the current requirements of one-half unit of Government/Politics and one-half unit Economics into one unit of Government/Politics or Economics. As such, the proposed law would allow high school students to obtain four social studies units to meet their TOPS core curriculum requirements without completing any units in Government/Politics or Civics.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	SEE BELOW	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>		\$0
REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total	\$0	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0

## **EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on TOPS expenditures. The bill combines the current requirements of one-half unit of Government/Politics and one-half unit of Economics into one unit of Government/Politics or Economics. The proposed legislation is unlikely to have a significant effect on the number of students becoming eligible for TOPS awards in FY19 and thereafter.

## **REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

<u>Senate</u> 13.5.1 >= 9	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u> \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {Si		Evan	Brasseaux
13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		Evan Brasseaux Staff Director		