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Provides for the establishment of a pilot program providing early childhood education

Purpose of the bill: This note is prepared based upon a proposed amendment providing for introduction of a substitute bill. The bill provides for the establishment of a community-based pilot program for providing early childhood education to certain three-year-old children in accordance with standards and criteria developed by the state Department of Education for early childhood programs. The pilot program (LA 3 Program) will be implemented subject to appropriation of funds by the legislature.

Table with columns: EXPENDITURES, REVENUES, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The implementation of this pilot program may result in an increase in state general fund expenditures, subject to appropriation of funds for this purpose.

The Department of Education reports that there are a total of 17,851 four year old students participating in both the LA4 Early Childhood Program (16,283) and the Nonpublic Schools Early Childhood Development Program (NSECD) (1,568). The Department of Education estimates a per pupil annual funding amount for the LA4 and NSECD programs of \$4,580.

If the same number of students participate in the LA 3 pilot programs and the cost per pupil remains constant, the annual cost would be \$81,757,580 (17,851 students x \$4,580), subject to appropriation by the legislature. Similarly, if the legislature appropriates \$900,000 for the program, approximately 197 students could be enrolled in the LA 3 pilot program (197 students x 4,580). If the Legislature appropriates no money, this program would not be implemented. Therefore, using this illustration, the costs of an LA 3 pilot program could range from \$0 (assuming no appropriation) to \$81,757,580, dependent upon appropriation by the legislature.

Eligibility for participation requires the child must meet all of the following criteria: (1) be three years old and eligible to enroll in kindergarten in two years, (2) is "at risk" as defined by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, and (3) is not enrolled in a publicly funded early childhood program as provided pursuant to RS 17:407, et seq. (Louisiana Early Childhood Education Program).

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
[X] 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
[] 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}
[] 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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