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SEX EDUCATION OR +\$500,000 LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Requires public school governing authorities in Orleans Parish to offer sex education instruction to students in certain grades

Purpose of Bill: This bill requires that public school governing authorities in Orleans Parish adopt policies for and offer sex education instruction. Governing authorities of each public school shall offer a comprehensive, age and developmentally appropriate, medically accurate, and evidence informed instruction for students in grades seven through twelve. The governing authority may offer such instruction to students in grades three through six.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES/REVENUES, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 5-YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State Gen. Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Ded./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase local government expenditures by approximately \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$250,000 annually thereafter.

This bill mandates that the governing authorities of Orleans Parish public schools adopt a sex education policy no later than the 2016-17 school year. The schools shall offer comprehensive sex education instruction for students in grades seven through twelve no later than the 2017-18 school year. Assuming the schools start acquiring instruction material and training of instructors in the first fiscal year of instruction, the expenditures would be approximately \$500,000. The material is to be integrated into an existing course of study, so estimated expenditures do not include additional salary. Replacement materials for students and parents along with materials for students entering the seventh grade and their parents are estimated at 50% of the initial costs beginning in 2018-19 and thereafter.

The specifics of the policies to be developed by the governing authorities are unknown at this time. For example, how often the instruction will be offered to students and the eventual costs of the instruction materials to be used will be determined by the governing authorities. Therefore, the expenditures are estimates based on the current public school student population in Orleans Parish and the current costs of materials for teaching comprehensive sex education instruction.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

According to an official of the Orleans Parish School Board, Title V federal funds may be available to cover the expenditures. The bill includes contraception as part of the description for comprehensive instruction. According to an official with Louisiana Youth for Excellence, Title V federal funds are related to teaching abstinence.

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[ ] 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
[X] 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}
[ ] 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {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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