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**Fiscal Note**



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 Provides relative to student eligibility to participate in the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program. (gov sig)

The proposed legislation revises eligibility for kindergarten students to participate in the Student Scholarship for Educational Excellence Program (SEEP). Kindergarten students are eligible only when they would otherwise attend a public school which receives a letter grade of "C", "D", or "F" pursuant to the school and district accountability system or is the sibling of a scholarship student and who will attend the same participating school.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>5 -YEAR TOTAL</b>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

To the extent fewer students are eligible to participate in the Student Scholarship for Educational Excellence Program (SSEEP) as a result of the revised eligibility requirements for kindergarten students, local school district expenditures could increase to educate any additional students entering the public school system who may have otherwise been educated through the voucher program. The FY 17 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) funding formula calculates the average local cost per student to be \$3,734, however, a local school district may spend more or less than that amount from local resources on any individual student. Local school systems would receive the total state per pupil funding from the MFP for each additional student that enters the public school system to help cover the costs of educating each student. The state per pupil average for FY 17 is \$5,231.

If the state provides a lesser amount per pupil for a student participating in the voucher program than it would for that student to attend a public school in the same district state MFP expenditures could increase to provide full funding for a student enrolled in the public school rather than participating in the voucher program. For FY 17, however, the \$5,892 average amount the state pays to participating non public schools is higher than the MFP state per pupil average of \$5,231. A previous LFO study found that in FY 16 the voucher payments for 84% of the SSEEP program participants were actually higher than what would have been paid out of the MFP for those students in a public school. Therefore, there could be a decrease in state general fund expenditures if the student moved from the SSEEP into the public school. The actual difference would depend upon the tuition of the voucher school the student may attend and the actual per pupil amount that would have been provided through the MFP.

There were 6,695 students enrolled in the SSEEP at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year; 643 or 10% were enrolled in kindergarten. The DOE stated it is not possible to determine to what extent those students would have otherwise enrolled in a private school, home study, or a public school and which local public schools they would have attended due to annual changes in geographic attendance zones. Thus, the impact of the proposed legislation is indeterminable.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

To the extent certain kindergarten students are not allowed to participate in the SSEEP program and instead enroll in public schools, there will be an increase in MFP allocations to local school districts and charter schools.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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