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 Provides relative to the comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics

Proposed legislation requires each high school that sponsors any athletic activity to establish a comprehensive emergency plan for each sport located on the school's campus in accordance with best practices and provides for annual review prior to each sport season with appropriate athletic personnel. Requires licensure for athletic trainers tasked with removing a student from practice, training, or competition due to a sports injury, and allowing the student to return following written authorization from a health professional. Specifies coaches receive training on sports injuries annually. Requires licensed athletic trainers be available for practices and games. Defines heat acclimatization and wet bulb temperature globe and requires schools to adhere to best practices for any activity that does not occur in a climate-controlled facility.

EXPENDITURES	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There may be increased costs for the comprehensive sports injury management program in local school districts associated with developing emergency action plans, requiring coaches to receive annual training on sports injuries, and establishing protocols for the use of licensed athletic trainers at practices and games. There are approximately 270 high schools in the state that would be affected by the proposed changes. Current law provides that no school or school system shall be required to incur any financial cost related to the implementation of this legislation unless funds are appropriated by the legislature for such purpose.

This measure would require each high school that sponsors or sanctions athletic activities to establish a comprehensive emergency action plan (EAP) for each sport, to be reviewed annually. There may be costs to the extent EAP development prompts schools to purchase or replace emergency equipment, however this is indeterminable.

Current law requires schools' coaches to receive training on the nature and risks of serious sports injuries. Proposed law would specify this training be conducted annually. The frequency and type of training coaches currently receive is unknown, however there could be increased costs if additional courses or professional training is needed.

The requirement to include a protocol for licensed athletic trainers may have an impact on the expenditures of some high schools. Per state law, all athletic trainers employed at public schools must be licensed (LA R.S. 37:3302). Athletic trainers are licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, provided they meet certain qualifications. While there are currently 594 athletic trainers with active licenses in Louisiana, not all public high schools currently have athletic trainers on staff. To the extent schools with no trainers include a protocol which requires licensed athletic trainers at practice or games in their injury management program, there may be costs associated with providing for the availability of such additional staff.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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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