Proposed legislation requires public schools to provide age- and grade-appropriate classroom instruction on water safety. Requires such instruction be integrated into existing curriculum. Authorizes each public school governing authority to customize instruction based on geography and any other special circumstances. Requires the Department of Education (LDE) to establish and maintain a clearinghouse of instructional materials and information regarding water safety instruction. Proposed legislation is applicable to all public schools, including charter schools.

There will be no cost to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) to create a clearinghouse of instructional materials and information regarding water safety instruction, as the LDE reports it will use available materials from the American Red Cross and other organizations. There may be additional workload to local school districts to provide the required instruction; however, any associated costs are expected to be minimal, as the instruction will be integrated into the existing curriculum.

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