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 Provides relative to foreign language immersion programs in public schools

The proposed legislation would require a local school to establish a foreign language program if requested by the parents or legal guardians of at least 25 enrolling kindergarten or 25 enrolling first grade students. The bill prohibits a local school from denying enrollment to any student who resides within the boundaries of the school district and who applies by March 1 of the school year prior to enrollment. The requirements apply to foreign language programs established prior to the 2012-2013 school year. Further requires the local school board to ensure the program is designated as a Certified Foreign Language Immersion Program by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education no later than July 1, 2017

Effective July 1, 2014.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
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Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

State general fund expenditures will increase in the event a school board establishes a new foreign language immersion program, or expands an existing program and a new foreign language associate teacher is included in the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) formula. The MFP provides local school systems \$20,000 for each foreign language associate teacher employed in their system up to a statewide maximum of 300 teachers. As of 3-24-2014, there are 212 foreign language associate teachers funded through the MFP. The MFP also provides \$6,000 for first year foreign language associate teachers and \$4,000 for 2nd and 3rd year foreign language associates teachers. If funds are not provided through the MFP or there were not a sufficient number of foreign language teachers available, the school system is not required to establish an immersion program. If a school system establishes a program, the Department of Education and CODOFIL work with the school district to place a foreign language associate teacher.

If an immersion program is established in a school system, it is assumed that the foreign language associate teacher provided for the program could replace an existing teacher due to the size of the class (20-25 students) required to establish the immersion program and through attrition of the school system. Typically, once a foreign language associate teacher is placed, a teacher previously teaching the class is moved to another grade level or possibly another school. Due to attrition levels, the total number of teachers in the school system do not necessarily increase. The \$20,000 that is provided through the MFP is available to the school system to purchase materials and supplies needed for the program each year.

If the school system is not able to replace an existing teacher, the school system will have to cover the difference between the teacher's salary and the \$20,000 that is provided for such teacher in the MFP. For illustrative purposes, if a teacher is paid a salary of \$40,000, the salary and retirement benefits for the employee cost approximately \$51,200 (salary plus 28% retirement). The difference between the cost of the teacher salary and the amount provided in the MFP is \$31,200.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}		