

**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
**Fiscal Note**



Fiscal Note On: **SB 126** SLS 14RS 526

Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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<b>Subject:</b> Technical Changes to TOPS-Tech Early Start Program	

TOPS EG NO IMPACT GF EX See Note  
Provides relative to TOPS-Tech Early Start award. (gov sig)

Proposed law expands the use of the award so that it may be used to fund any technical or applied course leading to an Industry Based Certification, a Certificate of Applied Sciences, and a Certificate of Technical Sciences at a Louisiana public postsecondary education institution when such certification or certificate is approved by the Workforce Investment Council as meeting the following requirements: (1) Is identified by the Occupation Forecasting Conference as a credential for an occupation in top demand in Louisiana. (2) Is recognized by the State Industry-Based Certification Leadership Council. Proposed law eliminates the requirement that credentials be approved by BESE and by the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges. Proposed law eliminates the requirement that the student must have at least the minimum scores required to pass the mathematics and English portions of the graduation exit exam established by BESE. Proposed law requires that Louisiana Student Financial Aid Commission (LASFAC), rather than the Board of Regents, issue the report currently required by present law. Effective upon governor's signature.

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Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<b>\$0</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The changes stating that a TOPS-Tech Early Start Award may be used to fund any technical or applied course leading to an Industry Based Certification, a Certificate of Applied Sciences, and a Certificate of Technical Sciences are technical in nature. These changes do not alter any current program requirements according to LOSFA. The deletion of the requirements that participants in the program pass the mathematics and English portions of the graduation exit exam (GEE) are also technical changes. The GEE (including obsolete math and English tests) are no longer administered and were replaced by individual end-of-course exams.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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

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| <u>Senate</u>   | <u>Dual Referral Rules</u> | <u>House</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}       |                            |              | <input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 State Rev. Reduc. {H & S}                  |
| <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} |

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