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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 if all the following requirements are met: 1) the MFP provides foreign language teacher salary supplements at a funding level equal to or greater than the 2011-2012 fiscal year; 2) a sufficient number of teachers are available to accommodate all interested students; 3) the student resides within the jurisdictional boundaries of the school district; 4) the student applies for enrollment no later than March 1 of the school year prior to enrollment; and 5) if the student entering second grade or above, he is sufficiently proficient in the target language or is transferring from a certified foreign language program in another school district.
 Effective July 1, 2014.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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						

REVENUES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is an indeterminable impact to local school systems which may be required to establish new foreign language immersion programs. The resources of the school systems vary. Expenditures may increase for some while others may be able to provide immersion programs without significant increases in expenditures or for which MFP supplemental funding provides sufficient funding.

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. CODOFIL recruits teachers through the State Department's Exchange Visitor Program and these teachers do not participate in the state retirement system so any difference would be based solely on the salary. However, for other foreign language teachers not placed through CODOFIL, and who do participate in the state retirement system, there would be additional costs for salary and related benefits.

Finally, to the extent that school systems have existing immersion programs, an expansion of the program could have a minimal impact. However, some school systems have indicated that the physical capacity necessary to adequately meet the demand for program expansion may be insufficient.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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