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 Provides with respect to the Course Choice Program.(gov sig)

The proposed legislation revises the definition of "eligible funded student" to include one who meets the following: 1) attends a public elementary or secondary school, and 2) has obtained approval from the local school superintendent to enroll in the course. The bill further redefines a voucher student as an "eligible participating student". Requires annual updates and publication of course catalogs to include any dual enrollment courses offered by LA post secondary educational institutions. Requires the governing authorities to establish policies to approve enrollment in courses and to determine whether requested courses are academically appropriate for the student. The bill states that providers shall receive a course amount as approved by the Department of Education or the governing authority of the public school the student attends. The bill requires the state to reimburse the governing authority 90% of the cost established for each course the student enrolls in out of funds appropriated or otherwise made available. The bill repeals the requirement that each student enroll in at least one course at the school in which he is enrolled full time. Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	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
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is an indeterminable impact on state and local expenditures as a result of revisions in the payment method to course providers. There may be an increase in expenditures due to an increase in the number of eligible students. Although the bill removes students participating in the Student Scholarship for Educational Excellence Program (SSEEP) from the category of "eligible funded student", it expands the potential number of "eligible funded students" by including students from all schools and not just those graded "C", "D", or "F". This would likely result in an increase in participants. However, any corresponding increase in participation could be mitigated due to the requirement that the superintendent approve the student's enrollment based, in part, on the determination that the course is academically appropriate for the student.

There could be a decrease in expenditures due to possible reductions in course amounts if those charges must be approved by the DOE or the governing authority. Currently, the course amounts are determined by the course provider equal to the market rate, as determined by the provider, in an amount up to 1/6 of 90% of the MFP per pupil amount (example: \$8,605 x 90%= \$7,744/6= \$1,290). However, the bill would authorize the DOE or the governing authority to approve course amounts established by the course provider, and requires the state to reimburse the governing authority of the public school the student attends for 90% of the cost established for each course in which the student enrolls.

Finally, there may be a decrease in MFP funding to local school systems if students do not enroll in courses at a local school. The proposed legislation repeals the requirement that the student enroll in at least one course at the school in which he is enrolled full time. If a student takes all courses through course providers, and does not enroll in any courses at the local school, there would be no MFP funding distributed to the school for that student.

According to the Department of Education, the two identified classifications of students "eligible funded" and "eligible participating" cannot have their participation supported by state funds. However, the department did not provide an explanation of how the bill prohibits payments using state funds.

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"/> 13.5.1 >= \$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}		