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Dept./Agy.: Education		Analyst: Garrett Ordner
Subject: Teacher Planning Time and Lunch Periods		

TEACHERS EN INCREASE LF EX See Note
Provides relative to teacher planning time and lunch periods. (gov sig)

Present law requires each city and parish school board to provide a minimum of forty-five minutes daily planning time, or its weekly equivalent, and a minimum of thirty minutes for lunch each day, which shall be duty-free for every teacher actively engaged in the instruction and supervision of students in public schools. This shall not result in a lengthened school day. Present law further provides that these provisions shall be subject to the availability of state funds for this purpose. Proposed law removes the requirement that teachers receive duty-free lunch time and requires forty-five minutes of uninterrupted planning time per day, or its weekly equivalent. Proposed law provides that these provisions shall not result in a reduction of instructional time for students, effective July 1, 2022. Under proposed law, these provisions are no longer subject to the availability of state funds. Proposed law provides that Lafourche Parish School System employees shall have free and unhampered passage across the LA Highway 1 Bridge when traveling to and from their work place on a scheduled workday but not to exceed two free crossings per day, effective August 1, 2023 or upon promulgation of final rules and regulations by the Department of Transportation and Development, whichever is sooner.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$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						
REVENUES	<u>2021-22</u>	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	SEE BELOW	DECREASE	DECREASE	DECREASE	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Local school districts will likely experience an expenditure increase, potentially significant in the aggregate statewide, to provide the required minimum planning time for teachers to the extent the district is not providing the requisite planning time to teachers. The potential increase in expenditures would be a result of hiring additional personnel to provide appropriate staff and instruction coverage. However, it is anticipated that any school not offering the appropriate planning time will first attempt to meet the requirements by altering schedules to the extent that it may be possible to satisfy the requirements utilizing existing staff. The Department of Education does not have information pertaining to the number of districts that currently allow for the required planning time. There are 6 districts that are under collective bargaining agreements; the provisions of this bill would not apply to these districts.

Elementary school teachers in schools that are unable to provide additional teaching staff for ancillary classes such as art and physical education may not currently have sufficient planning time to meet the requirements of the proposed legislation. These schools will need to hire additional staff, though the number of such schools is indeterminable. Due to elimination of the required duty-free lunch, individual districts may be able to absorb the requirements of this measure. However, if even a few such ancillary staff are hired across the state, the aggregate cost will exceed \$100,000.

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REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is likely a minimal decrease of governmental revenues as a result of this measure beginning in August, 2023 (FY 24), or upon promulgation of rules by DOTD, whichever is sooner (potential FY 23 impact). Toll revenues are collected as SGR by the Louisiana Transportation Authority. Toll revenues on the LA Highway 1 Bridge generate approximately \$6 million annually.

For informational purposes, there were approximately 885 classroom teachers, 103 school bus drivers, and 949 other employees employed by the Lafourche Parish School System in the 2020-2021 school year. The number of employees who cross the LA Highway 1 Bridge when traveling to and from their work place is indeterminable. The current toll for passenger cars is \$3.75, and the toll for buses is \$7.50. Note: LA Administrative Code Title 70, Part XI. §101(A)(6) currently exempts school bus drivers from the toll when transporting students.

Senate
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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There will be a one-time workload impact for the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) related to the promulgation of rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of proposed law providing free and unhampered passage across the LA Highway 1 Bridge for Lafourche Parish School System employees when traveling to and from their work place. However, DOTD does not expect this to be material.

Toll revenues are collected as SGR by the Louisiana Transportation Authority and held in trust for repayment of debt against bonds issued for the construction of LA 1. **In the event of a shortfall in toll revenues, bond payments will be made using SGF.**

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

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