

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE
Fiscal Note



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 Provides relative to school crisis management and response plans and school resource officers

The proposed legislation requires each public school principal to review the school's crisis management and response plan at least once annually and revise it as necessary. The principal to include input from students enrolled in the school and their parents, teachers at the school, other school employees, community leaders, and local law enforcement, fire, public safety, and emergency preparedness officials. Each public school is required to conduct a safety drill at least twice per year to rehearse the safety plan. The legislation also requires each city, parish, or other local public school board to enter into agreements with a local law enforcement agency to provide for school resource officers at each public school for the duration of each school day. Each school resource officer shall be armed with a firearm issued by a law enforcement agency at all times while on duty as a school resource officer. It is optional for any nonpublic school to enter into such agreements.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR 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

Local governmental expenditures will increase to place an armed school resource officer at each public school for the duration of the school day if the school does not currently meet such requirement. The exact cost of a school resource officer will vary across the state. For illustrative purposes, an article in *The Advocate* from March 28, 2013 quoted the Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff's Office proposal for the school board to spend approximately \$120,000 per year to hire three certified school resource officers (or \$40,000 per officer). It is possible that local law enforcement may supplement some of the costs for school boards to hire school resource officers, but agreements could vary across districts.

There are approximately 1,575 public schools in Louisiana. The Department of Education does not collect personnel data on the number of school resource officers currently working with school districts. If we assume that half of the schools currently have a resource officer, but the other half are required to hire one, using the above referenced amount of \$40,000 per officer, the cost would be approximately \$31.5 million statewide to hire additional officers. There will also be an associated cost for benefits provided for the resource officers, which will likely cost an additional \$9.5 million statewide. The total cost to have an individual resource officer at each school could be more or less than what was indicated in the newspaper article and will vary across the districts.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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