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Creates the Early Childhood Care and Education Network and the Tiered Kindergarten Readiness Improvement System. (gov siq)

The proposed legislation renames the Early Childhood Care and Education Network to be administered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) through the Department of Education and changes certain deadlines. All public schools and school districts, state-approved nonpublic schools, child care centers and facilities licensed by the state, and other entities that receive public funding and provide child care and educational programs to children from birth to age five shall be members of the network and participate in the Tiered Kindergarten Readiness Improvement System. No later than the beginning of the 2015-16 school year, BESE shall implement the system and establish standards. BESE shall allocate funding to members of the network with established performance standards. Any publicly funded provider choosing not to participate in the network may be no longer eligible to receive public funding. The LA4 Program shall be administered and funded through the network. Current statute relative to the LA4 Program (R.S. 17:24.10) is repealed.

| EXPENDITURES | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| State Gen. Fd. | SEE BELOW | |
| Agy. Self-Gen. | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Ded./Other | \$0 | \$0 | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | \$0 |
| Federal Funds | \$0 | \$0 | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | SEE BELOW | \$0 |
| Local Funds | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | | | | | | |

| REVENUES | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 5 -YEAR TOTAL |
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| 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> | <u>\$0</u> |
| Annual Total | \$0 | \$0 | | | | \$0 |

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation clarifies mandates from Act 3 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session. Increases in expenditures related to the implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network are essentially carrying out the requirements from the current law. The Department of Education indicates that any additional costs associated with the implementation of the network will be paid using existing funds that support early childhood care and education (including 8(g), federal IDEA funds, and federal Child Care Development Program funds).

Act 3 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session required BESE to create an early childhood care and education network to manage and oversee all publicly funded programs that serve children from birth to age 5, and to coordinate with the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Health and Hospitals to align standards for these programs. Act 3 required BESE to establish performance targets for children in these programs and to create an assessment and accountability system for publicly funded early childhood education programs. The proposed legislation retains present law but provides for more specific implementation requirements. Note: The proposed FY 14 budget provides approximately \$3 million in additional funding for the Department of Education to implement the early childhood care and education network from Act 3.

It should be noted that the proposed legislation requires the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), to the extent allowed by state and federal law, to align and allocate funding to members of the network with the performance standards established for the Tiered Kindergarten Readiness Improvement System. This system is to be established and implemented by the 2015-16 school year. It is not clear if after the system is implemented any funding (state, federal or statutory dedications-8(g)) will be allocated to providers in a different manner than their current allocations. Providers may opt out of the network, but will forgo any public funds.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

The changes being made through the Early Childhood Care and Education Network include plans to revise tax credits. The Legislative Fiscal Office does not have specific information on any changes, therefore, cannot determine any potential impact.

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