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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 243** HLS 25RS 737

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Dept./Agy.: Education		
Subject: Assessment and accountability standards in the LA GATOR Program		Analyst: Julie Silva

STUDENT/ASSESSMENT

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Provides relative to student assessment and school accountability with respect to the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Scholarship Program

Proposed legislation removes provisions allowing nonpublic schools participating in the Louisiana Giving All True Opportunity to Rise (LA GATOR) Program to select an assessment aligned with the institution’s program of study and instead directs the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) to develop a process for annual administration of all examinations required by the school and district accountability system at prescribed grade levels for LA GATOR student participants attending nonpublic schools. Proposed legislation additionally requires LDOE to develop a scholarship cohort index using test scores for all participating students and the scale applicable to public schools and assign a corresponding letter grade to each nonpublic participating school. These letter grades are to be published at the same time and in the same manner as those for public schools.

EXPENDITURES	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) reports the assessment based scholarship cohort index required in the proposed legislation is currently used for the Student Scholarships for Educational Excellence Program (SSEEP). Applying this procedure to the LA GATOR program can be done at no additional cost to the department.

The LA GATOR scholarship program currently includes the cost of required examinations as an allowable use of student account funds. LDOE is already charged with coordination of the annual administration of assessments for participating students. The change from permitting nonpublic schools from selecting assessments aligned with the school’s program of study to the annual administration of all examinations required by the school and district accountability system at prescribed grade levels will not result in an additional cost to the state.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate

Dual Referral Rules

House

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

- ☐ 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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