



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE**  
Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 2012** HLS 01- 2597

Bill Text Version: **ORIGINAL**

Opp Chamb Action:

Sub Bill For:

Proposed Amd:

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<b>Subject:</b> Uniform Information System for TOPS	

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Relative to TOPS, provides for a uniform information reporting system and for certain notifications to parents of public elementary and secondary school students

Proposed law, relative to TOPS, requires the Board of Regents to formulate, develop, establish, and implement a uniform information system for the purposes of policy analysis and program evaluation, and for providing accurate data and statistics to the legislature, the governor and others. The bill requires that the board consult with, and seek written recommendations from, the La. Student Financial Assistance Commission, each college or university eligible for participation in TOPS, each public postsecondary education management board, the La. Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, legislators, and knowledgeable others as determined by the board. The bill specifies that effective for the 2002-2003 award year and thereafter, compliance with the information reporting system shall be a condition for an eligible college or university to remain eligible to receive payments from the state on behalf of an award recipient. The bill also requires that BESE mandate dissemination to, and receipt of, TOPS information to and from students' parents.

<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>5 YEAR TOTAL</b>
State General Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Stat. Deds./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Annual Total</b>						
<b>REVENUES</b>	<b>2001-02</b>	<b>2002-03</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>5 YEAR TOTAL</b>
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**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION:**

There is an anticipated effect on governmental expenditures of an unknown amount as a result of this measure. The Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO) has not received information from the Board of Regents on their anticipated costs to comply with the legislation. However, the LFO believes that most of the information required by the bill is already collected by universities, higher education management boards, the Board of Regents, and the Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA). The Board of Regents will incur a minimal cost to compile, analyze, and distribute the information as required by the bill. OSFA has estimated costs of \$3,780 for 180 hours of programming time in FY 2001-2002 to meet the bill's requirements.

The bill requires BESE to mandate that public schools distribute information on TOPS. The bill also requires that parents or guardians of such students, sign a notice stating that they received and reviewed such information. The LFO has requested that BESE estimate the cost to meet these requirements in the bill. The LFO has not received such information from BESE. However, the LFO does not believe these requirements will result in significant additional costs to schools or school systems. OSFA already creates and distributes materials explaining and promoting TOPS. School systems could use OSFA provided materials, or produce their own materials at nominal costs. The LFO assumes there would be nominal costs for school systems to obtain signed notices from parents that they have received and reviewed the TOPS information required by the bill.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION:**

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

Dual Referral Rules

Senate

13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

House

6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease per year

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