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Proposed Amd:

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Subject: Uniform Information System for TOPS

STUDENT/LOANS-SCHOLARSHP RE1 +\$79,380 GF EX See Note Page 1 of 1

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 BESE to require school governing authorities to dissemination to, and receive receipt of, TOPS information to and from students' parents. The bill also allows Regents, within certain guidelines and limitations, to modify any specific requirement relative to the information reporting system.

Table with 7 columns: EXPENDITURES, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 5 YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State General Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Stat. Deds./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

Table with 7 columns: REVENUES, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 5 YEAR TOTAL. Rows include State General Fd., Agy. Self-Gen., Stat. Deds./Other, Federal Funds, Local Funds, and Annual Total.

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION:

There is an anticipated affect of \$79,380 on state general fund expenditures in FY 2001-2002 resulting from this measure. The Board of Regents estimates it will need 1/2 a position (\$22,600 salary and related benefits) and \$53,000 for the purchase of various software/maintenance and report production functions. Regents will incur ongoing costs of \$36,100 for the 1/2 position and software maintenance costs. 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 states that relative to information from public high schools, that statistical studies required by the bill shall use student course and grade data that is otherwise available from schools and that such studies shall be conducted at no additional cost to governing authorities of such schools. As such, there will be no additional costs to local schools to provide information required by the bill.

The bill requires BESE to require school governing authorities to provide TOPS information as part of students career option activities. The bill also requires that parents or guardians of ninth grade students, sign a notice stating that they received and reviewed such information. The bill also requires that parents indicate their student's intentions on pursuing high school studies required for TOPS eligibility and participation. 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 as part of career options activities already required by current law. 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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