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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 424** HLS 11RS 696
Bill Text Version: **ENGROSSED**
Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:
Sub. Bill For.:

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Provides for the La. French Language Services program

Proposed legislation establishes the Louisiana French Language Services Program in the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The purposes of the program are to provide state government services to French-speaking citizens and visitors in the French language, to assist Louisiana citizens who speak French in dealing with and receiving services from state government, and to assist French-speaking visitors to the state. The department, in concert with and under the guidance of the Council for the Development of French in Louisiana, shall develop and implement the program and shall urge the convention and visitors bureaus throughout the state to implement a similar program. The department shall work with state departments and shall request each to identify its employees who are fluent in French and shall provide for appropriate insignia, such as a badge to identify employees who will assist French-speaking clients in accessing and using department services. The department shall make recommendations for improving the provision of French language services and may institute an annual designation for the state department, agency, or office that best accomplishes the program’s purposes.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

This bill could result in a negligible increase in state expenditures. The proposed legislation establishes the Louisiana French Language Services Program within the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. This program appears only to require the identification of state department employees who speak fluent French to provide state services to French-speaking persons and to assist French-speaking visitors to the state. Such employees will be given badges that will identify them as being fluent in French. To the extent that this legislation would require additional personnel resources, additional state general fund may be needed.

Expenditures of local government units may have negligible increase in expenditures since the legislation provides for the department to urge convention and visitors bureaus throughout the state to implement such programs.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)2 >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&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}	Evan Brasseaux Staff Director