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Creates a comprehensive sports injury management program for student athletics

The proposed law requires each high school sponsoring or sanctioning any athletic activity, and which requires a participating student to regularly train and compete, to implement a sports injury management program. Requires any high school sponsoring organized tackle football to ensure that at least one licensed athletic trainer is present at every inter-school game. Provides with respect to the minimum requirements of a sports injury management program. Provides for actions to be taken with any student removed from an activity due to a serious sports injury and conditions allowing his or her return. The proposed law requires each coach or official involved with sponsored or sanctioned athletic activities to receive training regarding the nature and risk of sports injuries. Authorizes a school to contract for and accept funding from any source to implement the sports injury management program. Requires the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) to promulgate rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act to implement the provisions of the proposed law.

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	$449,625	$449,625	$449,625	$449,625	$449,625	**$2,248,125**
Annual Total	**$449,625**	**$449,625**	**$449,625**	**$449,625**	**$449,625**	**$2,248,125**

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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**

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed law does not specify a funding source for the sports injury management program to be created. Local school systems will incur indeterminate but significant costs, the magnitude of which would be impacted by: 1) the extent that outside resources are needed to develop a sport injury management program; 2) the complexity of each such program implemented; 3) the number of inter-school games of tackle football played annually and whether each participating school would require its own licensed athletic trainer or if the trainer could be shared by both participating teams; 4) the degree to which a school would be responsible for any costs associated with treatment for students reporting or exhibiting any sign or symptom of a serious sports injury and must be examined by a duly licensed health professional; and 5) that each coach and official in school sponsored athletic activities requires documented training regarding risks of serious sports injuries.

The Department of Education estimates the requirement that an athletic trainer be present during regular season varsity football games each week would result in a cost impact of approximately $217,500 in the first year (approximately 290 schools X 10 week football season X 3 hour game X $25 per hour). For purposes of this fiscal note, the assumption is that each school would bring its own personal trainer to the football game. Additionally, a representative of the Louisiana High School Athletic Associations estimates that there are roughly twice the number of regular season varsity games played each school year when including junior varsity and freshman team football games, resulting in a combined estimated cost impact of $435,000. Accounting for an additional 31 varsity playoff games in each of the five high school athletic categories 1A through 5A results in additional anticipated expenditures of $11,625 (31 games x 5 classifications x 3 hour game x $25 per hour). It is unclear whether schools participating in jamboree or scrimmage situations would fall under the same requirements of having a licensed trainer present so this note excludes those games. The Department of Education estimates the annual statewide cost for local schools to print and distribute information to parents of high school athletes regarding the risks of serious sports injuries to be approximately $3,000 annually. Thus, the total estimated exposure to local high schools statewide is $449,625 annually. Costs may increase in out years due to inflationary factors. According to the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners, there were only 273 licensed athletic trainers in Louisiana as of 2010.

There would be no fiscal impact on the Department of Education. BESE would incur incidental costs associated with promulgating rules, generally less than $500.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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[x] 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 >= $500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S}
[ ] 6.8(F)2 >= $100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}
[ ] 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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