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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. 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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**

REVENUES	**2011-12**	**2012-13**	**2013-14**	**2014-15**	**2015-16**	**5 -YEAR TOTAL**
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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 costs associated with developing a program, the magnitude of which would be impacted by: 1) the extent that outside resources are needed to develop a sports injury management program; 2) the complexity of each such program implemented; 3) that each coach and official in school sponsored athletic activities requires documented training regarding risks of serious sports injuries; 4) that a school may already have a sufficient program in place, excluding the need to create a new one; and, 5) the extent to which schools in a district or across districts might pool resources to develop a standard program across multiple schools or districts.

The proposed law stipulates that, subject to the availability of financial resources and supply of the necessary workforce, local schools should rely to the extent possible on athletic trainers licensed by the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners to provide athletic care at high school athletic competitions. The usage of athletic trainers is specified as optional in the proposed legislation. To the extent that schools should choose to use athletic trainers and as an example of potential impact should a school have resources and workforce available, a single high school could incur annual expenditures of $750 for having an athletic trainer provide care at all regular season games of high school football (10 games X 3 hours per game X $25 per hour). These costs would grow proportionally for all sports programs provided by the school. According to the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners, there were only 273 licensed athletic trainers in Louisiana as of 2010. There are approximately 290 high schools offering high school football.

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.

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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☐ 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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