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Provides relative to the availability and use of electronic textbooks and other instructional material in LCTCS institutions. (gov sig)

Proposed law provides for the LCTCS to make every effort to ensure that electronic and digital versions are available for all prescribed textbooks and other instructional materials and to develop a program for the encouragement and sale of such electronic course materials. Beginning in Fall 2011, the bill directs institutions under its control to communicate the board's desire to increase the availability and accessibility of electronic and digital textbooks and other instructional materials. The bill also requires adoption of rules and regulations. Proposed law also authorizes the board to charge a student opting to purchase electronic and digital textbooks and other instructional materials an amount not greater than the actual cost and provides that the board may not charge the student for any administrative, handling or other costs associated with providing electronic textbooks and other instructional materials. Proposed law provides that monies derived from such charges shall remain with LCTCS and not be deposited in the state general fund and that such funds will be used to lower the cost of electronic textbooks and instructional materials to students. Effective upon governor's signature.

EXPENDITURES	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	**$0**
Agy. Self-Gen.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
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						

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						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

LCTCS expenditures will increase by an indeterminable amount in Fiscal Year 2011-12 and thereafter for costs associated with providing options for students to purchase electronic and digital textbooks and other instructional materials. Per the bill, the LCTCS may not charge an amount greater than the actual cost to provide such electronic and digital textbooks and materials. Because the program is optional, the LCTCS is unable to estimate the number of students that might participate or the actual costs associated with providing the proposed electronic and digital textbooks and materials. Furthermore, the LCTCS may not charge the student for any administrative, handling or other costs associated with providing electronic and digital textbooks and other instructional materials. As such, expenditures at the LCTCS may also increase due to administrative, handling, and other costs not covered by the proposed charge. The LFO attributes these potential costs to SGR, but such costs could be funded from other means of finance as well.

NOTE: Cost increases may be limited to the extent that LCTCS institutions already utilize electronic and digital textbooks and other instructional materials.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Agency self-generated revenues will increase by an indeterminable amount in Fiscal Year 2011-12 and thereafter due to the proposed legislation. The bill authorizes the LCTCS to charge a student opting to purchase electronic and digital textbooks and other instructional materials an amount not greater than the actual cost to provide such textbooks and materials. Furthermore, the LCTCS may not charge the student for any administrative, handling or other costs associated with providing electronic and digital textbooks and other instructional materials. The LCTCS is unable to estimate the number of students that might participate or the actual costs associated with providing digital and electronic textbooks and materials. As such, the LCTCS cannot estimate the amount charged per student or the total amount charged for electronic and digital textbooks and materials authorized by the bill.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House
☐ 13.5.1 >= $100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		☐ 6.8(F)1 >= $500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S} 6.8(F)2 >= $100,000 Annual SGF Cost {H&S}
☐ 13.5.2 >= $500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		☐ 6.8(G) >= $500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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