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 Provides relative to salary supplements for public school educational diagnosticians

Proposed law provides that a full-time educational diagnostician holding a valid La. teaching certificate and educational diagnostician certification issued by the state Dept. of Education and the Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician (NCED) credential issued by the National Certification for Educational Diagnosticians' Board (NCEDB) and who is employed by a school board to provide educational diagnostic services to students or to provide supervision of any kind to educational diagnosticians may receive from the school board an annual amount of \$5,000. Proposed law states that a school board shall budget, receive, and expend federal funds that are or may be allocated to implement the provisions of the legislation. To be eligible to receive the salary supplement for the fall of the 2014-15 school year, the national certification must have been issued before July 1, 2013 and shall provide documentation of validity to the school board prior to September 1, 2013.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Annual Total	\$0					\$0

REVENUES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Federal fund expenditures may increase over \$1 million in FY 15, and thereafter to provide a \$5,000 supplement and the associated retirement costs (\$1,360) to educational diagnosticians that hold the Nationally Certified Educational Diagnostician certification in Louisiana and are employed by a local school board. The estimate above is based on providing approximately 200 teachers a \$5,000 salary supplement (\$1,000,000), and the associated retirement (\$272,000). The contribution rate to be paid by the employer for teachers in the regular retirement plan for FY 13-14 is 27.2%. Therefore, the local contribution for the retirement will be \$1,360 per employee (this number could change by FY 15). In the event that federal funds are not available to provide any salary supplements by the school board, local fund expenditures will increase. If any local school systems currently provide a supplement to educational diagnosticians, the expenditures noted above will decrease accordingly.

Data from approximately 2 years prior indicate that there were approximately 208 educational diagnosticians that held the National Certification for Educational Diagnosticians. This fiscal note assumes approximately the same number will hold certification in FY 15. The Department of Education does not have data on the number of educational diagnosticians employed by school boards that hold such certification. The Legislative Fiscal Office contacted the National Certification of Educational Diagnosticians, but was not able to obtain information regarding the number of individuals in Louisiana holding such certification prior to the release of this fiscal note.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

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

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