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Creates the Early Childhood Care and Education Network and the Tiered Kindergarten Readiness Improvement System. (gov siq)

The proposed legislation renames the Early Childhood Care and Education Network to be administered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) through the Department of Education and changes certain deadlines. Effective January 1, 2014 all public schools and school districts, state-approved nonpublic schools, child care centers and facilities licensed by the state, and other entities that receive public funding and provide child care and educational programs to children from birth to age five shall be members of the network and participate in the Tiered Kindergarten Readiness Improvement System. No later than the beginning of the 2015-16 school year, BESE shall implement the system and establish standards. BESE shall allocate funding to members of the network with established performance standards. Any publicly funded provider choosing not to participate in the network may be no longer eligible to receive public funding. The LA4 Program shall be administered and funded through the network. Current statute relative to the LA4 Program (R.S. 17:24.10) is repealed.

EXPENDITURES	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	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	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The proposed legislation clarifies mandates from Act 3 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session. Increases in expenditures related to the implementation of the Early Childhood Care and Education Network are essentially carrying out the requirements from the current law to create a comprehensive and integrated network. The Department of Education indicates that costs associated with the implementation of the network are paid using existing funds that support early childhood care and education (including 8(g), federal IDEA funds, and federal Child Care Development Program funds). Note: The proposed FY 14 budget provides approximately \$3 million in additional funding for the Department of Education to implement the early childhood care and education network from Act 3.

Act 3 of the 2012 Regular Legislative Session required BESE to create an early childhood care and education network to manage and oversee all publicly funded programs that serve children from birth to age 5, and to coordinate with the Department of Children and Family Services and the Department of Health and Hospitals to align standards for these programs. Act 3 required BESE to establish performance targets for children in these programs and to create an assessment and accountability system for publicly funded early childhood education programs. The proposed legislation retains present law but provides for more specific implementation requirements.

It should be noted that the proposed legislation requires the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE), to the extent allowed by state and federal law, to align and allocate funding to members of the network with the performance standards established for the Tiered Kindergarten Readiness Improvement System. This system is to be established and implemented by the 2015-16 school year. It is not clear if after the system is fully implemented if any funding (state, federal or statutory dedications-8(g)) will be allocated to providers in a different manner than their current allocations. Providers may opt out of the network, but will forgo any public funds.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

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