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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6666

BILL NUMBER: SB 327

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 28, 2007

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Parental Notice of Abstinence-Only Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Breaux

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: *Notification of Abstinence-Only Course-* The bill requires a principal to send notice to parents if the school is providing abstinence-only human sexuality courses. The bill specifies the language of the notice. The bill allows a parent to have the parent's child excused from abstinence-only courses.

Appeal- The bill provides an appeals process for a parent who does not receive notice of the parent's right to address the governing body concerning curriculum.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Appeal-* The bill would require the Department of Education to investigate requests from parents with regard to noncompliance of a school corporation to grant the right of a parent to not have their child attend an abstinence-only course. The Department would be able to conduct hearings and investigations within their existing level of resources.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Notification of Abstinence-Only Course-* Additional mailings could minimally increase postage costs for schools to notify parents of their rights concerning an abstinence-only course by mail.

Appeal- As a means of last resort, parents would be able to appeal for judicial review, if in disagreement with a finding of the State Superintendent of Education that a school was not purposefully noncompliant for

failing to send a notice. As a result, the appropriate court of review could receive additional cases with regard to noncompliance of schools under the bill.

Explanation of Local Revenues: *State and Federal Funding-* If it were determined by the Department of Education that a school willfully was in noncompliance with the provisions of the bill, the Department could withhold federal and state funding for abstinence-only education from the noncompliant school district for at least one year.

State Agencies Affected: State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Local Agencies Affected: Schools, trial courts.

Information Sources:

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