

Fiscal Impact
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Fiscal Analysis

SB 1162 adds students for whom a Section 504 plan has been developed pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 to become eligible to participate in the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarship Program. The bill also adds students adopted by various entities besides DHS to be eligible for the scholarship. Additionally, bill removes the requirement for a student to be in attendance at a public school in the prior year and removes the application deadline of December 1 to receive funding.

The amendments to the bill will cause an expansion of the LNH Program by adding additional students to receive the scholarship. While there are currently 28,066 students on a 504 plan, OSDE is unable to estimate the number of students who may become eligible for the scholarship under the different criteria, therefore cost is calculated on a per student basis. Cost is determined by using FY 22 initial state aid factor, grade level weights, pupil category weights and disability weights, as applicable. Estimated cost (scholarship amount per student) is calculated as a range as shown below.

State Aid Factor - \$3,517.12 Grade level weight range: 1-1.5 Special Education weight range: .4 - 2.5 Other pupil category weights: Economically disadvantaged .25; Bilingual : .25; Gifted and Talented: .34 Total weigh range: 2.24 - 4.84 Projected cost per student without disability weights - \$6,471.50 - \$8,230.06 Projected cost per student with disability weights - \$7,878.35 - \$17,022.86 This cost is further adjusted by the actual cost of the tuition and a 2 1/2 % of the scholarship amount for administrative services fee. Additionally, OSDE may incur a cost of approximately \$30,000 annually for a .5 FTE to implement this provision including processing of applications and payments.

FY'23 Impact: See notes

Full Year Impact: See notes

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