

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3393
Version:	2nd Conference Committee Sub
Author:	Representative Nelson
Date:	5/19/2010
Impact:	\$0 to State; Re-directs Existing Funds

Bill Summary

Research Analyst: Marcia Goff

The 2nd Conference Committee Substitute for HB 3393 establishes the Lindsey Nicole Henry Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program for the purpose of providing a scholarship to a private school of choice for students with disabilities who have had an individualized education program (IEP) developed in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The measure specifies criteria that must be met for the student to receive a scholarship and directs the State Department of Education to approve a private school as eligible to participate in the program based on specified criteria.

Fiscal Summary

Fiscal Analyst: Nicole Barnes

The 2nd CCS for HB 3393, also known as the “Lindsey Nicole Henry Special Education Scholarship Act,” contains multiple provisions related to scholarships to private schools for children with disabilities for whom an Individualized Education Program (IEP) has been developed. Provisions include scholarship eligibility requirements for students, eligibility requirements for participating private schools, participant compliance requirements, scholarship amount calculations and payments. Scholarships are to be available beginning with the 2010-2011 school year.

Fiscal Analysis

As provisions of the measure do not require additional appropriations, there is no impact to the state. The measure does allow, however, for existing funds that would have otherwise been utilized by the local school district to educate the student in fulfillment of the IEP to be utilized elsewhere. The total scholarship amount is to be the lesser of either the calculation described or the amount of tuition and fees at the private school, minus up to five percent of the scholarship amount to be retained by the local school district as an administrative fee.

Long Term Fiscal Considerations

None

Fiscal Analysis Reviewed By:

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