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Fiscal Analysis

SB 126 expands eligibility for the Lindsey Nicole Scholarship Program to include students placed by a court in the guardianship of another including a kinship foster home who have not been in attendance at a public school in the state in the prior year.

This provision would likely cause expansion of the LNH program by adding additional students who would receive the scholarship. SDE is unable to estimate the number of students who might take advantage of such a provision. Cost is determined by multiple data elements including state aid factor, student's grade level and student's disability categories. Estimated cost (scholarship amount per student) calculated below is based on grade level weight of 1.0; disability category weight for Specific Learning Disability of .40 for the low end of the range and the disability category weight of 2.4 for Autism for the high end of the range. Cost will vary with changes in grade level and if additional disability factors are added.

Scholarship per student is likely to range from \$4,700 to \$11,500 using grade level weight and disability category weights as described above, further adjusted by the actual cost of tuition. SDE does not anticipate any additional cost to the agency for implementation of this provision.

FY'22 Impact: See notes

Full Year Impact: See notes

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