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Economic Impact Statements for Proposed Rules

The corresponding proposed rule to each of the statements below may be viewed in its entirety in the February 20, 2024 *Louisiana Register*. Each *Louisiana Register* edition is published on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Promulgating Agency	Proposed Rule Title	Estimated Costs and/or Economic Benefits to Directly Affected Persons, Small Businesses or Nongovernmental Groups
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 126—Charter Schools Governance and Processes	There are no anticipated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups. The governance training coordinated by LDOE will be offered at no charge to charter board members, although other options for completion of the training may be available for a cost.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 130—Regulations for the Evaluation and Assessment of School Personnel Third Party Entity Evaluation Process	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 746—Louisiana Standards for State Certification of School Personnel Educator Credentials	<p>The proposed rule change will decrease the need for application fees paid by educators submitting applications for initial, renewal, or advanced credentials and will reduce redundant licensure for professional areas. More potential teachers will be eligible for certification through expanding the Temporary Employment Permit, but some educators that currently have to submit certification applications to LDOE will no longer be required to do so, like physical and occupational therapists who are already licensed by their professional boards. LDOE expects proposed rule changes will result in a net decrease in certification applications received.</p> <p>Further, the addition of the reading exam reduces the number, and thus the cost, of required tests necessary for elementary certification. The Praxis Teaching of Reading exam cost is \$156, and the Praxis Elementary Multi Subject exam cost is \$180 combined, or \$64 for each of the four individual subtests. Educators will have the option to meet the reading exam requirement of R.S. 17:8.1 through the reading portion of the Multi Subject exam or through the Teaching of Reading exam, potentially costing an educator \$180 instead of \$336 for the content exams required for some certification areas. This exam may also be used for educators moving from upper grades content areas to grades K-3 as a more cost-effective way to meet the reading exam requirement.</p> <p>The computer science exam addition will provide a more expeditious route to computer science certification, which currently requires the accumulation of 30 credit hours of coursework. This exam cost is currently set at \$130.</p> <p>Finally, revisions to certification reciprocity will grant military families transferring into Louisiana an expedited pathway to state credentialization.</p>
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 996—Standards for Approval of Teacher and/or Educational Leader Preparation Programs Educator Preparation Program Providers	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
Board of Elementary and Secondary Education	Bulletin 1566—Pupil Progression Policies and Procedures Third Grade Students with a Reading Deficiency	There are no estimated cost and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small business, or non-governmental groups.

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<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Bulletin 1922—Compliance Monitoring Procedures Special Education Corrective Action Plans</b>	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Dyslexia Screening</b>	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
<b>Board of Elementary and Secondary Education</b>	<b>Honorary Diplomas</b>	There are no anticipated costs or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups as a result of the proposed rule change.
<b>Educational Television Authority</b>	<b>Conducting Open Meetings via Electronic Means</b>	The proposed rule change has no anticipated economic impact to directly affected persons, small businesses, or nongovernmental groups, other than to allow more flexibility and access to open meetings than they may currently possess, which could result in an indeterminate savings in travel costs.
<b>Department of Energy and Natural Resources</b>	<b>Class VI Injection Well—Fee Schedule</b>	This fee rule supports the new Class VI carbon sequestration well program, for which the Louisiana Office of Conservation - Injection and Mining Division will receive primacy on February 5, 2024. Implementation costs to operators submitting applications are expected to range between \$100,000 - \$200,000 per applicant, per facility.
<b>Behavior Analyst Board</b>	<b>Behavior Analysts</b>	The proposed rule may benefit providers and recipients of behavior analysis services to the extent that adoption of the proposed rule leads to increased adoption of telehealth. This may provide recipients of these services with a wider choice of providers and may provide increased income to behavior analysts.
<b>Behavior Analyst Board</b>	<b>Board Composition, Meeting Procedures, and ADA Accommodations</b>	The rule is not estimated to have any costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.
<b>Board of Dentistry</b>	<b>Continuing Education Requirements</b>	The proposed rule changes will not have a substantial economic impact.
<b>Emergency Response Network</b>	<b>LERN Destination Protocol: Stroke</b>	Victims of stroke are directly affected by this proposed rule. The new screening protocol performed by EMS will result in stroke victims being routed to the most appropriate stroke center within a timely manner to receive appropriate treatment. The benefits to stroke victims are the chance to live a life without the severe stroke deficits – paralysis, immobility, nursing home confinement or death. The proposed rule does not preclude patient choice. Any potential savings for insurers and patients would be based on directing the patient to the most appropriate level of care, which may result in more efficient and less costly outcomes.
<b>Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners</b>	<b>Meeting via Electronic Means</b>	The proposed rule changes will help make meeting participation more accessible for members of the public or the board who have ADA-recognized disabilities. The proposed rule may result in travel savings to certain members of the public with disabilities as they can now participate in the meeting virtually.
<b>Gaming Control Board</b>	<b>Internal Controls, Procedures</b>	The proposed rule may result in a nominal workload decrease by allowing licensees and casino operators to modernize their processes, through means of an automated or computerized process, while still complying with the requirements of gaming regulations.
<b>Gaming Control Board</b>	<b>Open Meetings Accessibility; ADA</b>	Electronic meetings could potentially reduce expenses to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups by negating the need for travel to a board meeting.

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<p align="center"><b>Department of Revenue</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Net Capital Gains Deduction</b></p>	<p>Act 242 and the proposed rule are expected to result in more taxpayers claiming the net capital gains deduction. Many taxpayers will experience reduced paperwork requirements when seeking the deduction, resulting in increased utilization to the extent that the deduction was not claimed due to the documentation required. LDR will no longer require a qualified appraisal of the business, which will result in a reduction of costs for those seeking the deduction. The proposed rule will also prevent misuse of the deduction by related parties and parties with less than 75 percent of real property or tangible assets located in Louisiana. The proposed rule requires taxpayers seeking to claim the deduction to attach certain documentation based on whether the capital gain for which a deduction is being claimed is less than or greater than \$250,000. Taxpayers with capital gains less than \$250,000 can expect less costs and paperwork than those with capital gains greater than \$250,000.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Department of Revenue</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Partnership Filing Requirements</b></p>	<p>Partnerships doing business or deriving Louisiana-sourced income would submit informational returns to LDR in order to comply with this proposal. However, the additional costs for completion and submission of the required informational return from this proposed rule are expected to be minor.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Department of Wildlife and Fisheries</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Ecotour Activities on WMAs</b></p>	<p>The proposed rule change is anticipated to increase expenditures incurred by persons leading ecotours on the approved WMA by \$500 per ecotour guide for Louisiana Wildlife Guide Licenses and by \$2 per trip per customer for client fees.</p>
<p align="center"><b>Workforce Commission</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Medical Treatment Guidelines</b></p>	<p>The proposed rules update the medical guidelines for the treatment of injured workers. It is anticipated that the proposed rules will not result in a direct economic benefit. However, the proposed rules may provide an indirect benefit to injured workers, employers, and insurers, by providing better medical treatment to injured workers; thus, facilitating their recovery and return to work.</p>