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H.B. No. 2342

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring a cost impact statement on each bill or resolution that imposes a mandate on school districts, including an estimate of costs for school districts with different student enrollments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 314, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 314.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 314.005. IMPACT STATEMENT REGARDING MANDATES ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS. (a) In this section, "mandate" means a requirement that requires a school district to establish, expand, or modify an activity in a way that requires the expenditure of revenue by the school district that would not have been required in the absence of the requirement.

(b) The board shall prepare an impact statement for each bill or resolution that imposes a mandate on school districts when the bill or resolution is referred to a committee in either house.

(c) The impact statement must estimate the costs of each mandate included in the bill or resolution to school districts as provided by this subsection. If the costs to school districts would be substantially the same without regard to the number of students enrolled in a school district, the impact statement must state the costs of the mandate per student. If the costs to school districts would vary depending on the number of students enrolled in a

1 district, the impact statement must state or describe the costs of
2 the mandate for each of the following groups of school districts as
3 determined by the board:

4 (1) districts with large student enrollments;

5 (2) districts with mid-size student enrollments; and

6 (3) districts with small student enrollments.

7 (d) The commissioner of education shall provide the board on
8 request with any information available to the commissioner that the
9 board requires to prepare an impact statement under this section.

10 (e) The impact statement must be attached to the bill or
11 resolution immediately following the fiscal note attached under
12 Section 314.003.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.