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TO: Honorable Kent Grusendorf, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB684 by Grusendorf (Relating to continuation and functions of the State Board for Educator Certification.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB684, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$1,112,404 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$531,202
2005	\$581,202
2006	\$581,202
2007	\$581,202
2008	\$581,202

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	\$2,016,000	(\$1,484,798)	6.0
2005	\$2,016,000	(\$1,434,798)	6.0
2006	\$2,016,000	(\$1,434,798)	6.0
2007	\$2,016,000	(\$1,434,798)	6.0
2008	\$2,016,000	(\$1,434,798)	6.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to obtain all state and national criminal history information relating to an applicant for or holder of a certificate or permit issued by SBEC or by a school district. SBEC would be authorized to collect a fee that defrays all costs associated with obtaining such criminal history information. Presently, SBEC performs only a statewide criminal history check on applicants for certificates or permits.

Methodology

SBEC expects to process approximately 48,000 national fingerprint-based criminal history checks annually, namely, the new responsibility that would be required by the bill. Assuming a \$42 processing fee, SBEC estimates the state would collect \$2,016,000 annually. Annual agency operating and personnel costs are estimated at \$160,475 in fiscal year 2004 and \$110,475 in subsequent fiscal years, with two additional full-time equivalent employees.

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) would receive \$39 of the \$42 fee from the SBEC certification process. The Federal Bureau of Investigation charges \$24 for fingerprint-based criminal history checks (\$1,152,000 annually), leaving DPS with the remaining \$15. Annual operating costs at DPS are estimated at \$172,323 in fiscal year 2004 and all subsequent years, with four additional full-time equivalent employees.

Operating costs for both agencies (SBEC and DPS) are estimated at \$332,798 in fiscal year 2004 and \$282,798 for all subsequent years, with six additional full-time equivalent employees. Subtracting these costs from revenues generated yields a net gain to the state of approximately \$1.7 million per year.

Technology

The State Board for Educator Certification projects an information technology cost of \$50,000 in fiscal year 2004.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 705 State Board For Educator Certification

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