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TO: Honorable Ray Allen, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1856 by Allen (Relating to the operations of the Windham School District.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1856, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$29,992,416 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	\$14,996,208
2005	\$14,996,208
2006	\$14,996,208
2007	\$14,996,208
2008	\$14,996,208

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2004	\$14,996,208
2005	\$14,996,208
2006	\$14,996,208
2007	\$14,996,208
2008	\$14,996,208

Fiscal Analysis

This bill removes the authorization for the Windham School District in the Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to receive funding from the Foundation School Fund. It also removes statutory references to the vocational training programs at the Windham schools. It repeals authorizations for Windham to receive other funding through appropriations to the TDCJ, repeals the statutory basis for the current contact hour funding scheme, and repeals the charge to coordinate certain educational programs with other agencies.

Funding from the Foundation School Fund as a method of finance for the Windham appropriation is effectively a transfer from the state's General Revenue Fund. The bill does not remove the requirement for Windham to provide educational services to certain incarcerated individuals, therefore it is assumed that appropriations for Windham would be made from the General Revenue Fund to

support those current services.

The bill has a positive impact on General Revenue. The removal of the statutory reference to the vocational training program and the termination of that program could produce a savings of \$14,996,208 in General Revenue for each year of the biennium.

Methodology

The cost of the Windham School District Vocational Education program in fiscal year 2003 is estimated to be \$14,996,208 for 4,620,160 program hours.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 701 Central Education Agency

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