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TO: Honorable David Swinford, Chair, House Committee on Government Reform

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2110 by Rangel (Relating to abolishing the State Board for Educator Certification and to transferring its powers and duties to the commissioner of education and the Texas Education Agency.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2110, As Introduced: a positive impact of \$1,481,150 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 | \$0 | |
| 2005 | \$1,481,150 | |
| 2006 | \$1,481,150 | |
| 2007 | \$1,481,150 | |
| 2008 | \$1,481,150 | |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1 | Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003 |
|-------------|---|---|
| 2004 | \$0 | 0.0 |
| 2005 | \$1,481,150 | (13.0) |
| 2006 | \$1,481,150 | (13.0) |
| 2007 | \$1,481,150 | (13.0) |
| 2008 | \$1,481,150 | (13.0) |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would transfer the functions and duties currently assigned to the State Board for Educator Certification to the Texas Education Agency on June 30, 2004. All powers, duties, obligations, rights, contracts, leases, records, personnel, property, unspent and unobligated appropriations, and other funds would be transferred to the Texas Education Agency. All rules, policies, procedures, and decisions of the State Board for Educator Certification would be continued in effect until superseded by a rule or other appropriate action of the Texas Education Agency. Any action or proceeding before the State Board for Educator Certification would be transferred to TEA without change in status as would the position of SBEC as a party to any type of action or proceeding underway at the time of transfer.

Methodology

It is assumed that consolidating the functions of the State Board for Educator Certification with the Texas Education Agency would result in savings from reducing administrative costs associated with the State Board for Educator Certification. For fiscal year 2002, the State Board for Educator Certification expended \$1,481,150 in General Revenue, and employed 13 full-time equivalent employees, for agency administration. These administrative savings would begin in fiscal year 2005 because the transfer would occur near the end of fiscal year 2004.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, 705 State Board for Educator Certification

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