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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2455 by Chisum (Relating to the governmental entities subject to, and the confidentiality of records under, the sunset review process.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend, remove or reinstate sunset reviews of certain state agencies, boards, councils and divisions within state agencies. The bill would also classify working papers prepared and maintained by the Sunset Commission staff and those of other entities that the Sunset Commission receives in the performance of the Commission's responsibilities to be excepted from public disclosure requirements. The bill would require the Texas Education Agency to assist the Sunset Advisory Commission by conducting a limited scope review of the Windham School District which would include a review of the structure, management, and operations of the school district. The bill would also require the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to enter into a memorandum of understanding to consolidate administrative functions and services. The bill requires that the Comptroller contract with a consultant to perform a comprehensive audit of the services and funding mechanisms of Regional Education Service Centers.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 701 Central Education Agency

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