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TO: Honorable Florence Shapiro, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2826 by Eissler (Relating to a continuing ad valorem tax for the payment of bonds issued by a school district.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill allows voters to authorize a continuing, annual tax for payment of school district bonded debt.

Chapter 45 in the Education Code is amended by adding a new section establishing the authority to seek voter approval of a proposition to permanently authorize the levy of a tax for bonded debt. If approved, the school district would have the authority to issue bonds without any subsequent election, but only up to the amount of principal and interest that could be serviced with the debt service tax. The bill sets the maximum tax rate for such an authorization at \$0.10.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. The bill would provide additional flexibility to school districts in the authorization of a tax for debt service.

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