

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Kent Grusendorf, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB265** by Lucio (Relating to continuation and functions of the State Board for Educator Certification. ), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB265, Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted: a positive impact of \$273,532 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	\$136,766
2005	\$136,766
2006	\$136,766
2007	\$136,766
2008	\$136,766

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</i>	Probable Revenue Gain/ (Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</i>	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2003
2004	\$183,059	(\$46,293)	(3.0)
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2006	\$183,059	(\$46,293)	(3.0)
2007	\$183,059	(\$46,293)	(3.0)
2008	\$183,059	(\$46,293)	(3.0)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would transfer all certification, testing oversight, and enforcement functions from the State Board for Educator Certification to the Texas Education Agency. The only remaining function that would remain with the State Board for Educator Certification would be rule-making associated with disciplinary procedures, the Code of Ethics, and continuing education. The bill would also modify the Board's membership by removing six members, three of which are ex-officio members from other state agencies. This would result in a nine-member board consisting of four teachers, four administrators, and one public member.

The bill would also repeal mandatory certification of school superintendents, if the school district

determines that the person has significant experience as a chief executive of a business or as an administrator of a large organization.

### **Methodology**

Based on an analysis of transferring certain functions from the State Board for Educator Certification to the Texas Education Agency, the Sunset Advisory Commission indicates that there would be annual General Revenue savings to the state of \$139,000. This savings is associated with a reduction of three full-time equivalent employees. Adjusting this savings to reflect reduced employee benefit costs results in annual General Revenue savings of \$178,559. Adding in savings of \$4,500 associated with reduced board travel costs results in total annual General Revenue savings of \$183,059.

The Sunset Advisory Commission also indicates that the repeal of mandatory certification of certain school superintendents would reduce annual certification and examination fee revenue by \$46,293, shown in the fiscal impact table as a loss to General Revenue.

### **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, 116 Sunset Advisory Commission, 405 Department of Public Safety

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