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

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB618 by Shapleigh (Relating to the consequences of a public school's being considered low-performing.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. The bill's requirement for the Texas Education Agency to report campus performance ratings by August 1st of each year would likely require the agency to modify the assessment calendar, but such modification is not anticipated to require significant additional costs. The bill's requirement for the commissioner to reconstitute a campus rated low-performing for two years or more would not result in significant additional costs to the state.

Local Government Impact

The bill requires school districts in which campuses are being reconstituted to pay the costs associated with state intervention. Affected districts may incur costs associated with placing teachers not retained at a reconstituted campus in other district positions. The cost to districts will vary considerably and depend first on the number of campuses identified as low-performing by the state's new accountability ratings system, which is scheduled for deployment in September 2004. Affected district costs also would vary based on the degree and length of the state's intervention and the resulting district actions.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller Of Public Accounts, 701 Central Education Agency

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