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TO: Honorable Kent Grusendorf, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB815 by Van de Putte (Relating to the development of essential knowledge and skills for subjects in the enrichment curriculum.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require instruction in the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) for all subjects in the foundation and the enrichment curriculum. The Texas Education Agency states that textbook review processes currently are based on the TEKS. A school district could apply to the Commissioner of Education for an extension in complying with the requirements of the bill.

Local Government Impact

Current law requires that districts use TEKS only as guidelines for instruction in the enrichment curriculum. To the extent districts are not currently providing instruction in the TEKS for the enrichment curriculum, there would be some potential for local costs to be incurred to align instruction with curriculum requirements. It is impossible to determine whether these costs would be significant, and the costs would likely vary considerably between districts.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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