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

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB25 by Delisi (Relating to admission to and transition assistance within the public school system for school-age dependents of military personnel and other students.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would modify the Education Code to require that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) improve the timely transfer of student records. The bill does not clearly indicate the specific type of action required of the Agency. Currently, Section 25.002 of the Education Code requires a student's parent, legal guardian, or school district in which the child most recently attended school provide student records within 30 days of enrollment in a new district. TEA could improve on this requirement for military dependents by adopting rules directing districts to prioritize the transfer of student records of military dependents, or by requiring districts receiving such students to proactively seek student records from the previous district.

Local Government Impact

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

If a student records tracking system is necessary to meet the requirements of the bill to improve the timely transfer of student records, participating school districts could incur additional costs associated with loading and maintaining data in the system. For districts that handle a low volume of records requests or have a highly automated system, the proposed reduction in response time would not be likely to result in significant additional local cost.

The notification requirement contained in Section 2 would likewise have varying impact among districts on the basis of the volume of parental requests for records transfers the district typically processes. It is assumed that such notification would be made in the most cost-effective manner possible by most districts.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

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