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

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

IN RE: HB871 by Dutton (Relating to the provision of and funding for Saturday classes for elementary school students who fail to pass certain assessment instruments.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB871, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$50,000,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

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
2006	(\$25,000,000)
2007	(\$25,000,000)
2008	(\$25,000,000)
2009	(\$25,000,000)
2010	(\$25,000,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from FOUNDATION SCHOOL FUND 193
2006	(\$25,000,000)
2007	(\$25,000,000)
2008	(\$25,000,000)
2009	(\$25,000,000)
2010	(\$25,000,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would authorize school districts to offer classes on Saturdays for elementary school students who have failed a Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test. The bill would entitle school districts to Foundation School Program (FSP) funding for students in average daily attendance (ADA) in such classes.

Methodology

The bill would entitle school districts to FSP funding for ADA in Saturday classes offered to elementary students who have failed TAKS tests. Assuming the intent of the bill is to provide FSP funding for additional days at the same rate that standard instructional days are funded, it would entitle school districts to \$28 per day per regular program student.

Roughly 300,000 students failed one or more TAKS tests in grades 3 through 6 in 2004. Assuming that 10 percent of those students would be placed in Saturday classes for a program of 30 Saturday classes per year, the cost associated with the provisions of the bill would be an estimated \$25 million per year.

Local Government Impact

If school districts implement a program as authorized by the bill, it is expected that additional costs associated with Saturday classes would match the additional funding available through the FSP.

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