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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: HB2127 by Olivo (Relating to transportation to and from a disciplinary alternative education program or juvenile justice alternative education program and the length of a school day at a disciplinary alternative education program.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Section 1 of the bill would require DAEPs to operate school for seven hours each day. The section would also require school districts to provide transportation for students to and from the DAEP. Section 2 of the bill would require that as part of the agreement to operate a JJAEP, the school district or juvenile board would provide transportation to and from the JJAEP.

The changes made by the bill would not appear to affect the attendance accounting procedures currently in effect, and are not likely to have a significant impact on the cost of the transportation allotment in the Foundation School Program.

The bill would take effect immediately upon passage by the necessary voting margins or on September 1, 2005 and would apply beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

Local Government Impact

Longer operating hours for DAEPs may require some additional cost on the part of local school districts. School districts would also be required to provide transportation services, and while some of those services may be reimbursable through the transportation allotment in the Foundation School Program, it is likely that local costs would exceed the additional revenue. The Texas Education Agency maintains no complete information on the hours of operation or the current district practices with respect to transporting the affected students that would be useful in determining the extent of the additional cost.

Source Agencies: 665 Juvenile Probation Commission, 701 Central Education Agency

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