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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: SB1120 by West, Royce (Relating to the placement of certain students in and funding of a juvenile justice alternative education program.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require any placement in a juvenile justice alternative education program (JJAEP) for actions under Education Code §37.007(a), (d), or (e) to be reviewed by a prosecuting attorney if the student is at least 17 years of age. A school district that receives notice that probable cause did not exist to believe that the student committed an offense would be required to pay for the placement in the JJAEP. A school district would have the ability to choose to continue or discontinue the placement of such a student.

The bill would take effect immediately upon enactment with the necessary voting majorities or September 1, 2005 and would apply beginning with the 2005-06 school year.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. In those instances in which a placement in a JJAEP was made without having probable cause to believe that a student committed an offense, school districts would bear additional costs; however, additional funding from the Foundation School Program would largely offset those costs.

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