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

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

IN RE: HB396 by Cook, Byron (Relating to the development of a standard method of computing a student's high school grade point average.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the commissioner of education to establish a standard method for computing high school grade point average that provides for the weight to be given to each dual credit course to be equal to the weight given to each comparable honors, advanced placement, or international baccalaureate course completed by a student.

Local Government Impact

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

Based on information collected by the Texas Education Agency through focus group meetings in December 2006, it appears that grade point average calculations vary widely from district to district. Given the complexity and variety of methods of calculating high school grade point average, it is assumed that school districts would likely incur some cost in conforming to an adopted methodology. Anticipated costs would include modification of local procedures and software.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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