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TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB426 by Madden (Relating to standards for the operation of school district disciplinary alternative education programs.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would require that Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEPs) operated by school districts provide at least the minimum required daily instructional time and that faculty and administrators meet state educator certification requirements.

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to adopt standards for the operation of a DAEP related to student/teacher ratios, student health and safety, reporting abuse or neglect, teacher training in behavior management and safety, and training in transitioning students from a DAEP to the regular classroom setting. Adopted standards would apply beginning in the 2007-2008 school year.

The bill would require TEA to submit a report to the legislature in FY2009 regarding the cost of enforcing standards adopted under the provisions of the bill including the cost of conducting onsite monitoring and alternative methods of monitoring compliance with the standards.

TEA indicates that the provisions of the bill could be implemented with current agency resources.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require that Disciplinary Alternative Education Programs (DAEPs) operated by school districts provide at least the minimum required daily instructional time and that faculty and administrators meet state educator certification requirements. To the extent that instructional time must be extended or uncertified personnel must be replaced with certified personnel, local costs would be incurred. Costs would be expected to vary statewide.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

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