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TO: Honorable Rob Eissler, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

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.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to adopt standards for the operation of a disciplinary alternative education program (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

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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