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

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

IN RE: SB530 by Nelson (relating to physical activity requirements and physical fitness assessment for certain public school students.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would affect the operations of the Texas Education Agency but anticipated costs would not rise to significant levels; average operating costs of $130,000 would be anticipated. Costs would be incurred mainly in association with the requirements for collection of aggregated physical fitness assessment data and analysis to correlate the data to academic achievement, attendance, obesity, disciplinary problems, and school meal programs.

The bill would also direct the Agency to provide a report to the legislature by September 1, 2008 that includes recommendations for providing 30 minutes of moderate or vigorous daily physical activity outside the instructional day with consideration given to the needs of students enrolled in multiple enrichment curriculum courses.

Local Government Impact

The Texas Education Agency assumes that physical assessments for students in grades three through eight can be conducted as part of already designated physical education classes or extracurricular activities.

School districts would be anticipated to experience additional cost associated with the collection, summarization and submission of annual physical assessment data. Costs associated with these activities would vary depending upon local practice and the availability of automated processes for data reporting and aggregation.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency
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