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

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

IN RE: SB1049 by Zaffirini (relating to the availability of online information relating to research-based programs and best practices regarding the instruction of students with autism and autism-related disorders in public schools.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require that the online best practices clearinghouse maintained by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) include information related to instruction of students with autism and autism-related disorders. The bill would require that TEA facilitate technical assistance to campuses implementing related programs.

Local Government Impact

School districts would be required to submit information regarding programs related to the instruction of students with autism and autism-related disorders to the online best practices clearinghouse.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

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