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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: HB1298 by Hochberg (Relating to certain standardized assessment instruments used by school districts.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require an update to administrative rules. The Texas Education Agency anticipates that the process could be accomplished within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

It is assumed that the commissioner of education would adopt rules for the administration of and computation of norms for an agency-approved norm-referenced language proficiency test for LEP students, thereby allowing school districts to adopt the test locally. While there could be administrative cost incurred by school districts that adopt an assessment instrument other than the agency-approved assessment instrument, in general school districts could experience modest cost savings by not having to replace certain assessment instruments every three years. Savings would vary from school district to school district based on the number of students who were tested.

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