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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: HB1313 by Giddings (relating to the assignment of a public school student to an uncertified teacher.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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| No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. |
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The bill would prohibit school districts from assigning students in grades kindergarten through 6 for two consecutive years to teachers who are not appropriately certified.

The bill would prohibit school districts from assigning students in grades seven through 12 for two consecutive years in courses subject to state assessment to teachers who are not appropriately certified.

In either case, the prohibition does not apply if a parent or guardian and a counselor or school administrator agree that the assignment is appropriate or if it is the first year a student transfers into a school district.

The bill would authorize the commissioner of education to provide a waiver of provision based on a finding that extreme circumstances in the district warrant the waiver.

Local Government Impact

To the extent that school districts may be required to reassign less experienced teachers and hire additional experienced teachers to comply with the provisions of the bill, local costs may be incurred and would vary.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

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