

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 30, 2009

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

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

IN RE: HB1323 by Strama (Relating to bullying and harassment in public schools.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>

This bill would require each school district's board of trustees to publish an annual report that includes the number, rate, and type of incidents of bullying, harassment, sexual harassment, and acts of discrimination that occurred on each district campus. The Texas Education Agency would incur modest one-time costs in fiscal year 2010 for systems modification, but these costs are not estimated to be significant.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

School districts may be required to modify local student information systems or work with vendors to update student information system packages used to collect, report, and extract data. Local costs for systems modification would be expected to vary widely depending on the complexity of any updates needed to accommodate new data, whether affected software systems were locally-developed or vendor-provided packages, and the terms of vendor maintenance agreements.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

LBB Staff: JOB, JSp, JGM, WG