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**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

**IN RE: HB4152** by Rose (Relating to certification of an educator in Texas who is certified in another state or country. ), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would authorize the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to issue a certificate to certain applicants who are certified to teach in another state or country.

The bill would require acceptance or rejection of 90 percent of completed applications within 14 days of receipt and would require acceptance or rejection of all completed applications within 30 days of receipt. If a large influx of applications was received within a limited time period, the Agency estimates that temporary costs for contracted staff could be incurred to meet the required timelines. The Agency indicates that such costs could be absorbed with existing resources.

The Texas Education Agency would be required to develop procedures and guidance for school districts hiring teachers concerning classification of the teachers as highly qualified teachers for the purposes of federal requirements under No Child Left Behind.

Modifications to the automated system to issue certificates would be required. These activities could be accomplished with existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

School districts would be authorized to hire teachers holding certificates issued under the provisions of this bill.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Central Education Agency

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