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

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

IN RE: SB2002 by Van de Putte (Relating to a secondary-level English language learners' program for public school students of limited English proficiency.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require school districts to offer an English Language Learner's (ELL) program in lieu of an English as a Second Language (ESL) program in grades 9 through 12. No significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

The Texas Education Agency indicates that districts could incur administrative costs to establish secondary-level ELL programs including providing for specialized instruction and placement procedures and ensuring that instructors, administrators, and subject-area teachers meet the certification and training requirements to comply with the provisions of this bill. Costs are estimated to vary among school districts and may be significant.

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