

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 136

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to providing notification to parents of eligible children
3 of the availability of prekindergarten programs.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 29, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 29.1534 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 29.1534. NOTIFICATION OF PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.

8 (a) In this section, "prekindergarten program" includes
9 prekindergarten programs provided by a private entity through a
10 partnership with the school district.

11 (b) The agency shall develop joint strategies with other
12 state agencies regarding methods to increase community awareness of
13 prekindergarten programs through programs that provide information
14 relating to public assistance programs.

15 (c) The agency may develop outreach materials for use by
16 school districts to increase community awareness of
17 prekindergarten programs.

18 (d) Each school district shall report annually to the agency
19 the strategies implemented by the school district to increase
20 community awareness of prekindergarten programs offered by the
21 district. The district shall report the information on a form
22 prescribed by the commissioner. A report required by this
23 subsection may be combined, at the discretion of the commissioner,
24 with another report that the district submits to the agency.

1 (e) Not later than the 90th day after the date the agency
2 receives a report from a school district as required by Subsection
3 (d), the agency shall post the report on the agency's Internet
4 website.

5 (f) Not later than April 1, 2010, the agency shall conduct a
6 study to identify effective methods to communicate to the parent of
7 an eligible child the availability of prekindergarten programs.
8 The study must include research on providing information regarding
9 prekindergarten programs through public, private, and nonprofit
10 institutions that provide assistance and support to families with
11 children eligible for prekindergarten programs. Not later than May
12 1, 2010, the agency shall make recommendations to school districts
13 based on the study regarding the most effective methods to increase
14 communication regarding the availability of prekindergarten
15 programs. This subsection expires June 1, 2010.

16 (g) Not later than December 1, 2010, the agency shall
17 prepare and deliver to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
18 house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each
19 legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over
20 primary and secondary education a report detailing strategies
21 developed under Subsection (b) to increase community awareness of
22 prekindergarten programs. This subsection expires January 1, 2011.

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

ADOPTED

MAY 27 2009

Atty. Gen. Drew
Secretary of the Senate

By: *Patricia VandePutte*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 136:

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C.S. H.B. No. 136

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1 later than the 90th day after the date the agency receives a report
2 from a school district as required by this subsection, the agency
3 shall post the report on the agency's Internet website. This
4 subsection expires September 1, 2013.

5 (e) The agency shall provide information to school
6 districts regarding effective methods to communicate to the parent
7 of an eligible child the availability of prekindergarten programs,
8 including information regarding prekindergarten programs through
9 public, private, and nonprofit institutions that provide
10 assistance and support to families with children eligible for
11 prekindergarten programs.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2009

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

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

IN RE: HB136 by Villarreal (relating to providing notification to parents of eligible children of the availability of prekindergarten programs.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA), in cooperation with other state agencies, to develop strategies for increasing public awareness of prekindergarten programs. The bill would require school districts to report strategies implemented for increase public awareness of public prekindergarten programs to TEA. The bill would direct the agency to conduct a study to identify effective methods of communicating the availability of prekindergarten programs and to make recommendations to school districts based on the study not later than February 2010.

The bill would authorized the Agency to develop outreach materials for use by school districts to increase community awareness of prekindergarten programs.

The bill would require TEA to post reports received from each school district on the TEA website within 90 days of receiving a report.

TEA estimates ongoing costs of \$80,000 in FY2010 and each subsequent year for contracted services to develop and provide outreach materials and perform web postings of annual reports from each school district.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require school districts to report strategies implemented for increase public awareness of public prekindergarten programs to TEA.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

LBB Staff: JOB, MN, JSp, JGM, JSc

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 23, 2009

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

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

IN RE: HB136 by Villarreal (relating to providing notification to parents of eligible children of the availability of prekindergarten programs.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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Local Government Impact

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2009

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

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

IN RE: HB136 by Villarreal (Relating to providing notification to parents of eligible children of the availability of prekindergarten programs.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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The bill would authorized the Agency to develop outreach materials for use by school districts to increase community awareness of prekindergarten programs.

The agency would be required to report by December 1, 2010 to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the chairmen of the legislative standing committees with primary jurisdiction over public education on the strategies developed under the provisions of the bill.

The bill would require TEA to post reports received from each school district on the TEA website within 90 days of receiving a report.

TEA estimates a one-time contract cost of \$100,000 in FY2010 to perform the required study and ongoing costs of \$80,000 in FY2010 and each subsequent year for contracted services to develop and provide outreach materials and perform web postings of annual reports from each school district.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require school districts to report strategies implemented for increase public awareness of public prekindergarten programs to TEA.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 7, 2009

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

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

IN RE: HB136 by Villarreal (relating to providing notification to parents of eligible children of the availability of prekindergarten programs.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA), in cooperation with other state agencies, to develop strategies for increasing public awareness of prekindergarten programs. The bill would require school districts to report strategies implemented for increase public awareness of public prekindergarten programs to TEA. The bill would direct the agency to conduct a study to identify effective methods of communicating the availability of prekindergarten programs and to make recommendations to school districts based on the study not later than February 2010.

The agency would be required to report by December 1, 2010 to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the chairmen of the legislative standing committees with primary jurisdiction over public education on the strategies developed under the provisions of the bill.

The bill would require TEA to post reports received from each school district on the TEA website within 90 days of receiving a report.

TEA estimates a one-time contract cost of \$100,000 in FY2010 to perform the required study and ongoing costs of \$30,000 in FY2010 and each subsequent year for contracted services to perform web postings of annual reports from each school district.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require school districts to report strategies implemented for increase public awareness of public prekindergarten programs to TEA.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

LBB Staff: JOB, JSp, JGM, JSc

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 22, 2009

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

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

IN RE: HB136 by Villarreal (Relating to providing notification to parents of eligible children of the availability of prekindergarten classes.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA), in cooperation with other state agencies, to develop strategies for increasing public awareness of prekindergarten programs. The bill would require school districts to report strategies implemented for increase public awareness of public prekindergarten programs to TEA. The bill would direct the agency to conduct a study to identify effective methods of communicating the availability of prekindergarten programs and to make recommendations to school districts based on the study not later than February 2010.

The agency would be required to report by December 1, 2010 to the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the chairmen of the legislative standing committees with primary jurisdiction over public education on the strategies developed under the provisions of the bill.

No significant fiscal impact is anticipated. TEA estimates a contract cost of \$100,000 in FY2010 to perform the required study.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require school districts to report strategies implemented for increase public awareness of public prekindergarten programs to TEA.

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