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TO: Honorable Rick Hardcastle, Chair, House Committee on Agriculture & Livestock

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

IN RE: HB643 by Rodriguez, Eddie (Relating to summer nutrition programs provided for by school districts.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would reduce the minimum proportion of students in a school district meeting eligibility requirements for the federal free and reduced price lunch program that triggers the requirement that school districts provide or arrange for a summer nutrition program from 60 percent to 50 percent. The bill would direct the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Education Agency to coordinate on the development of a plan to increase access to summer nutrition programs.

The bill would establish a waiver process under which school districts could apply for exemption from the requirement.

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Local Government Impact

Additional school districts would be required to provide or arrange for summer nutrition programs if they do not apply for or are not granted a waiver. Federal reimbursement is available for each meal served in a summer nutrition program; but the reimbursement would not be estimated to cover the entire cost. The Texas Department of Agriculture cites an average of \$39,075 per school district based on expenditures by school districts operating programs in fiscal year 2010.

Source Agencies: 551 Department of Agriculture, 701 Central Education Agency

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