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

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

IN RE: HB1076 by Shelton (Relating to the student to teacher ratio applicable to accelerated instruction groups for certain public school students.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Effective with the 2011-12 school year, the bill would remove a requirement limiting accelerated instruction groups to a 10:1 student-teacher ratio. School districts could experience some cost savings related to the elimination of this limit. The Texas Education Agency indicates that during 2010, there were a total of 854,670 test failures in grades 3–8 requiring accelerated instruction. Assuming that the students requiring accelerated instruction received two hours of instruction per week for four weeks and that the per-hour cost to provide teachers was \$50, a change from 10 students per class to 15 students per class, for example, would result in estimated local savings of about \$11 million annually on a statewide basis. Actual savings realized by an individual school district would be expected to vary depending on the number of students requiring accelerated instruction and other local circumstances.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

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