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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate
Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: SB1788 by Patrick (Relating to planning for students enrolled in public school special education programs.), **Conference Committee Report**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to develop a standardized form for use in developing an individualized education program (IEP), including information under Section 1417(e) (1), Title 20, United States Code, which authorizes the development of a model form to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 (IDEA). The bill would require the TEA to post the form on its website for use by school districts.

It is estimated that agency costs to develop an IEP model form are not significant and could be covered with existing Federal Funds.

The bill would require procedures adopted by commissioner rules to provide for transition services planning to begin at age 14 for students receiving special education services.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

According to the TEA, some school districts and open-enrollment charter schools could experience additional costs to implement revised IEP form but those costs would vary from district to district.

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