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TO: Honorable Jimmie Don Aycock, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB324** by Dutton (Relating to certain facilities and service provider transactions between school districts and charter schools.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB324, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,570,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2014	(\$1,400,000)
2015	(\$170,000)
2016	(\$170,000)
2017	(\$170,000)
2018	(\$170,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund
	1
2014	(\$1,400,000)
2015	(\$170,000)
2016	(\$170,000)
2017	(\$170,000)
2018	(\$170,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require a school district to enter into a lease or sell an unused or underutilized facility or portion of a district facility to a charter holder of an open-enrollment charter school at fair market value.

The bill would require the Commissioner of Education to identify, for each district, any district facility or portion of a district facility that is unused or underutilized and post this information on the Texas Education Agency's website.

Methodology

Based on information provided by the Texas Education Agency, technology costs to collect facilities information would be \$1.4 million in fiscal year 2014, representing programming costs associated with establishing a system to collect and post data from school districts regarding unused and underutilized facilities. It is estimated that \$170,000 in annual maintenance costs would be required in each subsequent fiscal year to maintain the system.

Technology

TEA estimates \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2014 in programming costs associated with establishing a system to collect and post data from school districts regarding unused and underutilized facilities. It is estimated that \$170,000 in annual maintenance costs would be required in each subsequent fiscal year to maintain the system.

Local Government Impact

School districts would incur some administrative costs related to gathering and reporting information about unused or underutilized facilities, although these costs would vary between districts. Districts may incur transaction costs related to the leasing or selling of facilities.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

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