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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1568** by Springer (Relating to the accreditation status and eligibility for funding under the Foundation School Program of a district that knowingly violates the Texas Constitution.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate, but is not anticipated to be significant.</p>
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The bill would require the commissioner of education to revoke the accreditation of any school district that is found by the Attorney General to have knowingly violated the Texas constitution.

Based on information provided by the Office of the Attorney General, any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The Texas Education Agency indicate that there could be costs associated with district closure under the provisions of the bill related to State Office of Administrative Hearings proceedings. Additionally, school districts that are closed would be annexed to another school districts. Receiving school districts would be entitled to incentive aid related to consolidation. Costs would vary with the number and frequency of closures. The potential incidence of violations that would trigger closure under the provisions of the bill is unknown. However, assuming that incidence would be rare, costs are not anticipated to be significant.

Local Government Impact

A school district that is found by the Attorney General to have knowingly violated the Texas constitution would have its accreditation revoked and would be annexed to another school district. Receiving school districts would be entitled to incentive aid related to consolidation.

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 701 Central Education Agency

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