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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2058** by Allen (Relating to the administration of a high school equivalency examination.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would allow any person who was at least 16 years of age to take the high school equivalency exam if that person was required to do so under a court order. The bill would strike the current law provision requiring the court order to be related to failure to attend school.

The bill would eliminate the provision prohibiting a person under 18 years of age from taking the exam online.

The bill would likely expand the number of examinees. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) currently charges \$3 per test administration, increasing to \$3.75 in 2014. These fees would cover the costs for the additional administrations, resulting in no significant fiscal impact to the operation of the TEA.

The Department of Criminal Justice and the Texas Juvenile Justice Department anticipate no fiscal impact from the bill.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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