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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2694** by Villarreal (Relating to the provision of credit by examination for public school students.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill relates to the provision of credit by examination. The bill would require school districts to select, if available, four examinations approved by the school district board of trustees for each subject. If the board of trustees approved, the examinations selected would have to include advanced placement (AP) examinations and examinations administered through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP).

The bill would require school districts to offer each exam for credit by examination at least four times per year. Student could not attempt credit by exam more than twice for the same subject, and would be required to enroll in a course if they failed to achieve the required score for credit by examination before the beginning of the school year in which they would ordinarily enroll in the course.

A student who received credit by exam in a subject area would be exempt from taking an end-of-course (EOC) assessment for that subject area.

Local Government Impact

School districts would be required to select, if available, at least four board of trustee-approved examinations for each subject area and offer each examination multiple times in the same school year. State Board of Education rule does not permit a district to charge a fee for credit by exam. Consequently, there will likely be additional administrative costs to districts to administer more exams at more frequent intervals.

School districts would be required to offer credit by examination at least four times per year. Currently districts are only required to make these examinations available two times a year.

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