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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2694** by Villarreal (Relating to the provision of credit by examination for public school students.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<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 State Board of Education (SBOE) for each subject. If the SBOE 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 examination for credit by examination within 30 days of receiving a written request from a student or student's parent or guardian if the test was capable of being administered electronically and at least three times per year if the test was not offered electronically. The bill would limit exams administered electronically to a student to two administrations 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 SBOE-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 within 30 days of a written request of a student or a student's parent or guardian if the examination was offered electronically and at least three times per year if the examination was not offered electronically.

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