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

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB38** by Zaffirini (Relating to determining a child's eligibility for a school district's special education program on the basis of a visual impairment.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require an orientation and mobility evaluation be conducted by a certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) as part of the initial evaluation of a child's eligibility for special education services on the basis of visual impairment. The bill would require that the multidisciplinary team evaluating the child for special education services include a certified orientation and mobility specialist.

**Local Government Impact**

A school district or charter school would be required to ensure that the evaluation of a child's initial eligibility for special education services on the basis of visual impairment be conducted by a certified orientation and mobility specialist (COMS) under a variety of conditions and settings and that the COMS be included on the multidisciplinary team evaluating the child's initial eligibility.

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