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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB418** by Ellis (Relating to a notification requirement if a public school campus or open-enrollment charter school does not have a nurse assigned to the campus during all instructional hours.), **As Introduced**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a public school, including an open-enrollment charter school, that did not have a full-time nurse assigned to it for more than 30 consecutive instructional days to provide written notice of this fact to each student's parent or guardian. The bill would require the principal to provide the notice by the 30th instructional day after the first day the school was without a full-time nurse and would require the school to keep a copy of the notice on file. The school would also be required to make a good faith effort to provide a bilingual form of the notice to any parent or guardian whose first language was not English.

Local Government Impact

Districts could mitigate expenses by providing the required notices with other information required at the beginning of the school year. If the nurse vacancy occurred after the start of the year, districts would have to distribute notices within 30 instructional days of the first date that the nurse was no longer available. There could be significant additional costs if the notices had to be prepared in multiple languages to accommodate the various languages used by parents or guardians.

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