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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1115 by Whitmire (Relating to reporting, standards, restrictions, and requirements regarding public school disciplinary actions.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1115, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$579,100) through the biennium ending August 31, 2015.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2014	(\$379,100)
2015	(\$200,000)
2016	(\$200,000)
2017	(\$200,000)
2018	(\$200,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund
2014	(\$379,100)
2015	(\$200,000)
2016	(\$200,000)
2017	(\$200,000)
2018	(\$200,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to collect data about school districts disciplinary actions that result in the removal of a student from their regular academic program. The district would be required to report the student's race or ethnicity, sex, date of birth, and if applicable, the student's designation as a student with disabilities.

The bill would require school districts to report data on all discretionary disciplinary actions to TEA and require the agency to evaluate the data to determine whether the placements were excessive in number, discriminatory in nature (race or ethnicity and disability), or excessive in length of stay.

Methodology

Several new data elements would be added to the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) in order to accommodate the proposed requirements. TEA estimates the cost of modifying PEIMS at \$179,100 in General Revenue Funds in FY 2014.

The cost to contract with the Texas School Safety Center to conduct the annual evaluation of discretionary disciplinary placement data is estimated at \$200,000 annually.

Technology

TEA estimates the cost to modify PEIMS at \$179,100 in General Revenue Funds in FY 2014.

Local Government Impact

School districts would incur cost to modify their student information system software to accomdate teh new reporting requirements. These cost would vary.

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