LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1309 by Davis (Relating to assessment alternatives or accommodations for certain public school students in special education programs.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1309, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$1,100,000) 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 | (\$1,100,000) |
| 2015 | \$0 |
| 2016 | \$0 |
| 2017 | \$0 |
| 2018 | \$0 |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| Fiscal Year | Probable Savings/(Cost) from Foundation School Fund 193 |
|-------------|---|
| 2014 | (\$1,100,000) |
| 2015 | \$0 |
| 2016 | \$0 |
| 2017 | \$0 |
| 2018 | \$0 |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to redevelop assessment instruments for significantly cognitively disabled students. These assessment instruments could not require a teacher to prepare tasks or materials for a student who would be administered the assessment instrument. The bill would require the redeveloped assessment instruments to be administered

beginning with the 2014–2015 school year.

Methodology

Based on information provided by the Texas Education Agency, provisions of the bill would require a redevelopment of the alternative assessment instruments at an estimated cost of \$1.1 million in fiscal year 2014.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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