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TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Government Organization

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1457 by Duncan (Relating to management services for the physical facilities of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code to transfer maintenance services for the physical facilities of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (TSBVI) and the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) to the Texas Facilities Commission (TFC), and exclude from TFC the responsibility of facilities management services for TSBVI, TSD, and updates the reference excluding the Texas Youth Commission to the Texas Department of Juvenile Justice.

The bill would transfer to the Texas Facilities Commission, no later than January 1, 2014, any obligations and contracts and all property and records in the custody of TSBVI and TSD, respectively, related to the duties and responsibilities of maintenance services of TSBVI's and TSD's physical facilities, including facilities construction, cabling, and facility reconfiguration. The bill would require TFC to enter into a memorandum of understanding with TSBVI and TSD related to their respective transfers. Under the provisions of the bill, the boards of trustees of TSBVI and TSD would have jurisdiction over the physical assets of their respective schools and maintain all funds appropriated by the legislature to carry out the purposes of the schools except as provided by Sec. 30.022 (h-1), Education Code, relating to facilities maintenance services.

Based on the analysis of TSBVI, TSD, and TFC, the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) assumes that any duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources. TSBVI, TSD, TFC, and the LBB assume that resources would be transferred for facilities maintenance from each of TSBVI and TSD to TFC. It is estimated that TSBVI would transfer \$653,228 out of General Revenue and 7.2 full-time equivalent employees (FTEs), and that TSD would transfer \$1,214,612 out of General Revenue and 12.0 FTEs, for a total transfer to TFC of \$1,867,840 out of General Revenue and 19.2 FTEs for the 2014-15 biennium.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 303 Facilities Commission, 771 School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 772 School for the Deaf

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