

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 83RD LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 3, 2013**

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

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

**IN RE: SB1505** by Schwertner (Relating to the frequency of the release of questions and answer keys to state assessment instruments administered in public schools.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1505, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$2,100,000) 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:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2014	\$0
2015	(\$2,100,000)
2016	(\$2,100,000)
2017	\$0
2018	(\$2,100,000)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from Foundation School Fund 193</b>
2014	\$0
2015	(\$2,100,000)
2016	(\$2,100,000)
2017	\$0
2018	(\$2,100,000)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require the release of questions and answer keys to each state assessment instrument annually instead of every three years.

## **Methodology**

Requiring the annual release of questions and answer keys to each assessment instrument would require additional costs related to the development of new questions and answers. According to the Texas Education Agency, such development costs would equal \$2.1 million per year.

Currently, statute requires that the questions and answers be released every third year, and the questions and answers are scheduled to be released in fiscal year 2014 and again in fiscal year 2017. Therefore, any additional costs wouldn't occur until fiscal year 2015 and no additional costs would be incurred in fiscal year 2017.

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Central Education Agency

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