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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB218 by Márquez (Relating to certification requirements for teachers in bilingual education.), As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require teachers assigned to bilingual education programs using a transitional bilingual/early exit, transitional bilingual/late exit, or dual language immersion program model to be appropriately certified.

The bill would allow a district to assign multiple appropriately certified teachers for components of a dual language immersion or two-way program provided in a language other than English and in English.

The Texas Education Agency anticipates that any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be reasonably absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated. School districts would have additional options for assigning appropriately certified teachers for different bilingual education program models.

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