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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2566 by VanDeaver (Relating to educator preparation programs.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code related to Educator Preparation Programs (EPPs).

The bill would allow the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to delegate any power or duty granted to or imposed on the board to the Commissioner of Education. This would include the authority to propose rules and make final orders and decisions.

The bill would allow SBEC to propose rules to establish standards governing the approval or the renewal of EPPs and the certification fields authorized to be offered an EPP.

The bill would allow SBEC to propose rules necessary for the sanction of EPPs that do not meet accountability standards or comply with state law or rules. The board would also be required to review the accreditation status of each EPP at least annually. The amendment would also allow the agency to revoke the approval of an EPP without a one year probation period. The amendment would also allow an EPP to request a contested case hearing if the agency recommends revocation of the EPP's approval.

The bill would allow SBEC to authorize an investigation of an EPP if an EPP presents a significant level of risk or a complaint indicates that an EPP may have violated a provision or rule.

This bill would take effect September 1, 2015.

Based on the analysis of the Texas Education Agency, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University

of Houston System Administration

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