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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3260** by Herrero (Relating to a study and report regarding the use of open-source instructional materials at public schools.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would require the Commissioner of Education to select an education research center (ERC) to conduct a study regarding the use of open-source instructional materials at public schools. The study would be required to include an analysis of any impact on certain factors, the effect on the learning process compared to other instructional materials, an evaluation of the use of open-source instructional materials in other states, and an analysis of potential contributors in creating open-source instructional materials. The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to submit the results of the study and recommendations for legislative or other action by September 1, 2016. The bill would take effect September 1, 2015, or immediately if passed with the necessary voting margins.

The Texas Education Agency indicates minimal costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill, which could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

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