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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3282 by Simmons (relating to the coordination of, communication of best practices concerning, and collection of information pertaining to the provision of evidence-based behavioral services for students with autism spectrum disorder in this state.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3282, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$1,079,243) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017.

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:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2016	(\$876,829)
2017	(\$202,414)
2018	(\$202,414)
2019	(\$202,414)
2020	(\$202,414)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2015
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2016	(\$876,829)	3.0
2017	(\$202,414)	3.0
2018	(\$202,414)	3.0
2019	(\$202,414)	3.0
2020	(\$202,414)	3.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Higher Education Coordinating Board (Board) to coordinate among the

Board, autism programs, school districts, the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, and other state agencies providing evidence-based behavioral services to children with autism spectrum disorder in the state regarding best practices for delivering those services. The bill would require the Board to maintain a statewide autism database of information regarding the number of children served through each autism program and through each state agency providing evidence-based behavioral services to children with autism spectrum disorder in this state, the effectiveness of those programs and services, statewide best practices for the delivery of those programs and services, and the identification of underserved regions of the state with regard to those programs and services. The Board would submit to the legislature a report on the information maintained in the database annually.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that three FTEs would be needed to implement provisions of the bill. A program director would be needed to oversee the installation and operation of the database, as well as oversee the issuance of the annual report. A program specialist and administrative assistant would need to be hired to maintain the database and respond to requests and facilitate the production of the report. Total salary, benefits and overhead costs for these FTEs is estimated to be \$202,414 per year.

Technology

Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board the development of a statewide database would cost \$674,145 in fiscal year 2016.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 529 Health and Human Services Commission, 538 Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, Department of, 701 Central Education Agency, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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