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TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB892** by Seliger (relating to educator preparation programs and teacher certification examinations.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require that the overall grade point average (GPA) of a class admitted to an Educator Preparation Program (EPP) be at least 3.0 on a four-point scale or the equivalent or a higher GPA as prescribed by the State Board for Educator Certification, excluding career and technology education students. The bill would also decrease the GPA requirement for an individual to be admitted into an EPP to 2.50. The bill would add additional data reporting requirements for an EPP. The bill would limit the number of times a person could attempt a certification exam to four and extend supervised field-based experience requirements to 30 hours from 15.

Based on the analysis of the Texas Education Agency and institutions of higher education, 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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