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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1771 by Taylor, Larry (Relating to the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium.), As Engrossed

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends the Education Code related to the Texas High Performance Schools Consortium.

The bill adds the State Board of Education (SBOE) to the group of those informed by the Consortium and requires an open-enrollment charter school to have been awarded a distinction designation during the preceding school year to participate in the consortium. The bill increases the maximum number of students enrolled in consortium participants from 5 to 10 percent of the total number of students enrolled in public schools.

The bill would require Consortium participants to submit performance and progress reports not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year.

The bill would eliminate the need for the report to include commissioner recommendations, the inclusion of an accountability system for consortium participants, and the requirement that the commissioner seek a federal waiver if needed.

Local Government Impact

School districts participating in the consortium would be required to submit performance and progress reports of the consortium to governor, the legislature, SBOE, and the commissioner not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year. School districts participating in the consortium could face costs related to submitting the required report.

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