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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1896 by Taylor, Larry (Relating to providing public school students tutorials through the state virtual school network for end-of-course assessment instruments required for graduation.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1896, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$1,875,000) 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	(\$1,875,000)
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund
2016	(\$1,875,000)
2017	\$0
2018	\$0
2019	\$0
2020	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency to develop or contract for the development of interactive electronic tutorials for each end-of-course (EOC) assessment instrument and to make the EOC tutorials available through the state virtual school network not later than school year

2016-17. The bill specifies that a public school student cannot be charged to access an EOC tutorial or materials used in conjunction with an EOC tutorial as directed by the bill.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015, or immediately if passed within the necessary voting margins.

Methodology

Contracting for the development of interactive electronic tutorials for each end-of-course (EOC) assessment would result in a cost of \$1,875,000 in fiscal year 2016.

This estimate assumes the Texas Education Agency (TEA) would contract for development of the EOC tutorials. Based on information provided by TEA, development of a tutorial would cost an estimated \$375,000 per EOC assessment, totaling \$1,875,000 for development of all five EOC assessments in fiscal year 2016.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency

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