

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** SB1925 by West (Relating to the dedication of revenue received from certain court costs to the truancy prevention and diversion fund.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1925, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$5,396,972) through the biennium ending August 31, 2017; in the same period, there will be an increase of an equivalent amount to the new Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund associated with the General Revenue reduction.

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	(\$2,698,486)
2017	(\$2,698,486)
2018	(\$2,698,486)
2019	(\$2,698,486)
2020	(\$2,698,486)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable Revenue Gain from General Revenue-Dedicated Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund
2016	(\$2,698,486)	\$2,698,486
2017	(\$2,698,486)	\$2,698,486
2018	(\$2,698,486)	\$2,698,486
2019	(\$2,698,486)	\$2,698,486
2020	(\$2,698,486)	\$2,698,486

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would re-enact portions of SB 1419, 83rd Legislature, Regular Session (2013), which established a court cost to fund grants for juvenile case manager services and prevention

activities. Revenue would have been deposited to a new General Revenue-Dedicated Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund; however, this fund was not exempt from funds consolidation by the 83rd Legislature. Revenue has therefore been deposited to the General Revenue Fund. The bill would create the General Revenue-Dedicated Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund and deposit the revenue from the existing court cost to this fund instead of General Revenue.

The bill authorizes the legislature to appropriate money from the General Revenue-Dedicated Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund only to the Criminal Justice division of the Office of the Governor for distribution to local governmental entities for truancy prevention and intervention services.

### **Methodology**

Collections from this court cost began on January 1, 2014. From that time through February 3, 2015, collections totaled \$2,923,360. Assuming the same rate of collections were to continue, it is estimated the revenue collected from this court cost would be approximately \$2.7 million per year. The bill would result in a loss to General Revenue and an equivalent gain to the new General Revenue-Dedicated Truancy Prevention and Diversion Fund.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 301 Office of the Governor, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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