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TO: Honorable Dan Huberty, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB263** by Collier (Relating to the composition of the student body of an open-enrollment charter school.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require that an open-enrollment charter school give enrollment preference to students who reside in the attendance zone of the school district in which the charter is located. The bill would require that the Commissioner decline to renew a charter that does not comply with the required student body composition unless the commissioner determines that the school made a good faith effort to comply. These requirements would not apply to special purpose charter schools that limit enrollment to students that meet specific characteristics related to that purpose.

The bill would take effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session, or immediately if passed with the necessary voting margins, and would apply beginning with school year 2018-19.

According to TEA, the data needed to implement the bill is currently being collected.

This analysis assumes some ongoing costs to TEA in the review and processing of amendments to charter school admission and enrollment policies, the development of systems to annually track a school's enrollment, and the determination of a good faith effort for schools that do not meet the enrollment requirements. However, it is anticipated that much of this work would be completed as an additional step in the charter renewal process. This analysis anticipates that these ongoing costs and responsibilities can be absorbed by existing staff and resources.

Local Government Impact

Certain charter schools would be required to amend attendance and enrollment policies and submit to TEA non-expansion amendment requests for approval by the commissioner. Charter schools that do not comply with the enrollment requirements and cannot show a good faith effort to comply could face non-renewal.

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