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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB674** by Johnson, Eric (Relating to the suspension of a student enrolled in a grade level below grade three from public school.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code to add that a student enrolled in a grade level below grade three may not be placed in out-of-school suspension unless, while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored or school related activity, the student engages in conduct that contains the elements of an offense related to weapons or a violent offense; or engages in selling, giving, or delivering to another person or possessing, using or being under the influence of marijuana or a controlled substance, a dangerous drug, or an alcoholic beverage.

The Texas Education Agency assumes any additional work associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

The bill would take effect immediately if passed within the necessary voting margins, or September 1, 2017, and would apply beginning with school year 2017-18.

Local Government Impact

School districts may incur nominal costs to modify student codes of conduct to comply with statutory changes.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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