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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB867 by Villalba (Relating to school marshals for private schools.), **Committee Report**
2nd House, As Amended

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Code of Criminal Procedure to allow the governing body of a private school to employ and appoint school marshals to make arrests and exercise the same authority as a peace officer. The bill would amend the Education Code to require the governing body of a private school to disclose in writing whether any employee of the school has been appointed a school marshal if the school receives a written request for this information by a parent or guardian of an enrolled student. The bill would also amend the Education Code related to school marshals in public schools and open-enrollment charter schools to clarify the number of school marshals that can be appointed and the type of ammunition loaded in handguns carried by school marshals.

The bill would take effect immediately if passed within the necessary voting margins, or September 1, 2017.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, and the Texas Education Agency indicate the bill could be implemented with existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 407 Commission on Law Enforcement,
701 Texas Education Agency

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