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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1934** by Minjarez (Relating to temporary certification of an educator from outside the state who is the spouse of an active duty military service member.), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1934, Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended: a negative impact of (\$204,848) through the biennium ending August 31, 2019, assuming that the Legislature appropriate money to implement the legislation. The State Board for Educator Certification would only be required to implement the bill if the Legislature appropriates money for the purposes of the legislation.

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
2018	(\$102,424)
2019	(\$102,424)
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2018	(\$102,424)
2019	(\$102,424)
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) to expedite certification applications and issue a three-year temporary certificate for educators who are spouses of active duty military service members.

SBEC would only be required to implement the bill if the Legislature appropriates money for the purposes of the legislation. If the Legislature does not appropriate money specifically for the purposes of the legislation, SBEC could, but would not be required, to implement the bill using other funds available for that purpose.

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

Methodology

This analysis assumes that the Legislature will appropriate funds specifically for the purposes of the legislation. Developing and implementing changes to the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) Educator Certification Online System (ECOS) system to support the new certificate type would be \$103,423 in fiscal years 2018 and 2019. TEA estimates the Information Technology System department would need to develop, test, implement, and configure an online process to allow educators who are spouses of active duty military service members to retain the current fee exemption provision and apply for the three-year certificate.

Technology

TEA estimates the \$103,423 cost in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 are related to updates to batch processes, modification of tables and reports, and the addition of new reporting elements to comply with the provisions of the bill.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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