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TO: Honorable Four Price, Chair, House Committee on Public Health

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2249 by Sheffield (Relating to requirements for and the transparency of epidemiological reports and immunization exemption information and reports.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 81 of the Health and Safety Code and Chapter 38 of the Education Code. The bill would require the Department of State Health Service (DSHS) to complete a biennial report of outbreaks of vaccine-preventable disease and de-identified immunization exemption data. The report would be submitted to the legislature and would be made available on the DSHS website. Additionally, the bill would require school districts to provide the data to DSHS.

It is anticipated that costs associated with the implementation of the bill could be absorbed by DSHS. The Texas Education Agency anticipates that any additional work resulting from the passage of the bill could be absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

There would be some administrative costs to school districts to report immunization data for the district as a whole and by campus. There would also be some administrative costs to de-identify immunization exemption records and for a district or campus to provide this information to a student's parent or guardian if requested. These costs would vary depending on the size of the districts, the number of exemptions granted, and the number of requests received from a student's parent or guardian.

Source Agencies: 537 State Health Services, Department of, 701 Texas Education Agency

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