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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB3270** by Bohac (Relating to criminal background checks for persons employed by certain public school contractors.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Education Code to require fingerprinting and criminal background checks for contractors and subcontractors hired to provide construction or maintenance work on public works projects for school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and shared services arrangements. The bill would also establish certain conditions and exceptions under which fingerprinting and criminal background checks would not apply to a contractor or subcontractor engaged in public works projects for schools or shared services arrangements.

It is assumed that all duties and responsibilities associated with the bill could be absorbed utilizing existing staff and resources, based on information provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and the Department of Public Safety (DPS).

The bill would require DPS to process information on contractors and subcontractors needed to obtain national criminal history record information, including fingerprints and photographs. DPS estimates that the bill would generate a minimal amount of revenue for the agency associated with fees for criminal background checks.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 701 Texas Education Agency

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