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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1561 by Taylor, Van (Relating to a study by the State Board of Education on the instructional day and academic year requirements necessary to complete the required curriculum in public schools.), **Committee Report 1st House, As Amended**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB1561, Committee Report 1st House, As Amended: a negative impact of (\$300,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2019. The bill would take effect only if a specific appropriation for its implementation is included in the General Appropriations Act of the 85th Legislature.

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	(\$300,000)
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2018	(\$300,000)
2019	\$0
2020	\$0
2021	\$0
2022	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the State Board of Education (SBOE) to conduct a study determining the lengths of the instructional day and school year that are necessary to complete the state's required curriculum. SBOE would be required to deliver the results of the study to the Governor and the Legislature by October 1, 2018.

The bill would take effect only if a specific appropriation for its implementation is included in the General Appropriations Act of the 85th Legislature.

The bill would take immediate effect if it receives a two-thirds vote of each house of the Legislature. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that a specific appropriation for its implementation will be included in the General Appropriations Act of the 85th Legislature. According to the Texas Education Agency (TEA), the agency would be likely to contract with an external entity to conduct the study. In order to implement the bill's requirements, the agency estimates that there would be costs related to:

1. school district and charter school focus groups;
2. survey design, distribution, and analysis;
3. interviews; and
4. project management.

TEA estimates additional costs related to producing the report as required by the bill. Total costs associated with the study and report would be \$300,000 in Fiscal Year 2018.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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