

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1696** by Lucio (Relating to a study on participation of public schools in a universal lunch program offered through the United States Department of Agriculture.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Education Code to require the Texas Education Agency (TEA), with assistance from the Department of Agriculture (TDA), to perform a study on the number of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools eligible to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision administered through the United States Department of Agriculture. The bill would require the TEA to notify eligible districts by December 1, 2017 and require districts and schools notified to perform an analysis and report on that analysis by December 15, 2017. The bill would require the TEA to report to the Legislature and the Governor's office by January 31, 2018.

TEA estimates there would be administrative costs associated with performing the eligibility calculations, notifying districts and schools, and compiling the required report. This analysis assumes that TDA would assist TEA with the requirements of the bill and that the agencies could use existing resources to implement the provisions of the bill.

**Local Government Impact**

School districts and open-enrollment charter school would incur costs to perform a cost savings study of how much each entity would save if it participated in the Community Eligibility Provision program; however, these costs are anticipated to be minimal.

**Source Agencies:** 551 Department of Agriculture, 701 Texas Education Agency

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