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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB2080 by Taylor, Larry (Relating to a requirement that school districts and open-enrollment charter schools report certain information regarding children with disabilities who reside in residential facilities.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB2080, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$837,710) through the biennium ending August 31, 2019. This legislation only takes effect if a specific appropriation is provided in the 2018-19 General Appropriations Act by 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	(\$418,855)
2019	(\$418,855)
2020	(\$100,000)
2021	(\$100,000)
2022	(\$100,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund
	1
2018	(\$418,855)
2019	(\$418,855)
2020	(\$100,000)
2021	(\$100,000)
2022	(\$100,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Commissioner of Education to require each school district and open-enrollment charter school to include in the district's or school's Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) report the number of children with disabilities residing in a residential facility who are required to be tracked by the Residential Facility Monitoring (RFM) System and receive educational services from the district or school.

The bill would take effect only if a specific appropriation for implementing the bill is provided in a general appropriations act of the 85th Legislature. The bill would take effect immediately if passed with the necessary voting margins, or on September 1, 2017, and would apply beginning in school year 2017-18.

Methodology

This analysis estimates the costs of implementing the provisions of the bill; the bill will not take effect unless the 85th Legislature makes a specific appropriation for the purpose of the legislation. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) currently collects data on the number of children with disabilities in residential facilities in the Residential Facility Monitoring System (RF Tracker). The bill would require this information to be collected in the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS), thus requiring TEA to transfer the RF Tracker data into the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) PEIMS data collection application.

Based on information provided by TEA, the cost associated with transferring the RF Tracker data and application to the TSDS PEIMS data collection application total \$318,855 in fiscal years 2018 and 2019 for initial development. Additionally, TEA estimates annual costs totaling \$100,000 in each fiscal year related to licensing software and leasing a server associated with the tracking the residential facility data. This estimate assumes the agency can use existing full-time equivalent positions to implement the provisions of the bill.

Technology

The Texas Education Agency estimates initial development costs associated with transferring the Residential Facility Monitoring System data and application to the Texas Student Data System data application and annual costs related to licensing software and servers to support the data application.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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