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

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Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2621 by Bailes (Relating to open-enrollment charter school admission procedures and reporting requirements for certain admission information.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB2621, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$343,409) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

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
2020	(\$143,824)
2021	(\$199,585)
2022	(\$99,444)
2023	(\$99,444)
2024	(\$99,444)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2019
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2020	(\$143,824)	1.0
2021	(\$199,585)	1.0
2022	(\$99,444)	1.0
2023	(\$99,444)	1.0
2024	(\$99,444)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would amend the Education Code to require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to adopt

by rule a common admission application form for open-enrollment charter schools and guidelines for charter schools to use waitlists if they receive more applications from students than they have positions.

The bill would require charter schools to submit information on the number of students enrolled, the enrollment capacity, and the number of students on the waiting list by grade level to TEA by the last Friday in October each year. TEA would be required to compile submitted information and publish such data on its website.

Methodology

This analysis assumes TEA would require 1.0 additional Program Specialist VI to create the common admission application, develop rules for the use of waitlists, and prepare the data for upload to TEA's website each year. Salaries, benefits, and other operating costs for this FTE are assumed to total \$103,444 in fiscal year 2020 and \$99,444 per fiscal year thereafter. TEA assumes IT costs related to the common application and data reporting requirements would total \$40,380 in fiscal year 2020 and \$100,141 in fiscal year 2021.

Technology

TEA assumes the provisions of the bill would require modification of the Texas Student Data System (TSDS) to include eight new data elements, one new complex type, ten new business rules, and three new reports. TEA estimates these modifications would cost \$33,380 in fiscal year 2020 and \$100,141 in fiscal year 2021. Additionally, in fiscal year 2020 TEA assumes it would require \$7,000 for software change requests to update the Charter School Tracking System (CSTS).

Local Government Impact

TEA assumes the bill would have a cost to charter schools to report the required enrollment information to TEA.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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