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

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IN RE: HB3851 by Lang (Relating to unfunded state educational mandates imposed on school districts.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Chapter 11 of the Education Code to require the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA) to publish a list of unfunded state educational mandates, as defined by the bill; require the CPA to update the list within specified timeframes; provide that a school district is not required to comply with a state educational mandate that appears on the CPA's list; and require the CPA to conduct a review and evaluation of a state educational mandate by September 1 of the even-numbered year before the third anniversary of the mandate going into force. The bill would exempt certain state educational mandates from application of Section 11.006, Education Code, as added by the bill. Based on the analysis of the CPA, costs to implement the bill's provisions could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

By exempting school districts from state mandates and agency rules for which specific funding has not been provided, some school districts could see lower costs related to complying with state law. However, the extent and nature of those changes would be dependent upon a report issued by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. Therefore, the nature of any potential savings can not be determined.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 701 Texas Education Agency

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