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TO: Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Chair, House Committee on Public Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB3 by Hughes (Relating to civics training programs for certain public school social studies teachers and principals, parental access to certain learning management systems, and certain curriculum in public schools, including certain instructional requirements and prohibitions.), **As Engrossed**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB3, As Engrossed : a negative impact of (\$14,625,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2023.

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:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2022	\$0
2023	(\$14,625,000)
2024	(\$14,625,000)
2025	(\$14,625,000)
2026	(\$14,625,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>
2022	\$0
2023	(\$14,625,000)
2024	(\$14,625,000)
2025	(\$14,625,000)
2026	(\$14,625,000)

Fiscal Analysis

Among other provisions, the bill would require the Commissioner of Education to develop civics training for educators containing certain components established under the bill. The programs would be reviewed and approved by the State Board of Education (SBOE). Each local education agency (LEA) would be required to have at least one teacher and one campus administrator who has attended a civics training program. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) would help LEAs meet this requirement and individuals would be eligible for stipends for attending training programs. The commissioner could delay implementation of this requirement if the revision of the essential knowledge and skills for the social studies curriculum or the civics training programs

was not yet available. The bill would also require that no private funding be used for curriculum development, purchase or choice of curricular materials, teacher training, or professional development pertaining to certain courses.

Methodology

According to TEA, there would be costs to the agency to develop and implement the civics training program. Based on costs to develop and implement the current reading and math academies, the agency estimates that the cost to develop and implement the training program would be approximately \$14.625 million annually beginning in fiscal year fiscal year 2023. If the commissioner were to delay implementation, the costs would also be delayed.

Local Government Impact

To the extent that a local education agency relied on private funds for any of the prohibited activities, that LEA could see increased costs as a result of the bill.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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