

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**May 16, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable John Whitmire, Chair, Senate Committee on Criminal Justice

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB30** by Talarico (Relating to educational programs provided by the Windham School District in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for certain inmates.), **As Engrossed**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB30, As Engrossed: a negative impact of (\$1,264,735) 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	(\$735,455)
2023	(\$529,280)
2024	(\$529,280)
2025	(\$529,280)
2026	(\$529,280)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from Foundation School Fund 193</i>
2022	(\$735,455)
2023	(\$529,280)
2024	(\$529,280)
2025	(\$529,280)
2026	(\$529,280)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require Windham School District (WSD) to offer a course of instruction leading to a high school diploma to each incarcerated student who is younger than 18 (or younger than 22, if the student is receiving special education services).

**Methodology**

According to WSD, as of March 2021 there were 358 students who would qualify under the terms of the bill. To implement the bill and provide educational services sufficient to serve 100 students, WSD estimates that

start-up, salary, and operating costs would total \$735,455 in fiscal year 2022. In subsequent fiscal years salary and operating costs would total \$529,280.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 696 Department of Criminal Justice, 701 Texas Education Agency

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