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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: HB742 by Burns (Relating to procedures for the alternative assessment of certain public school students that receive special education services and alternative accountability plans for certain campuses serving students that receive special education services.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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It is assumed that the costs associated with the bill's provisions relating to procedures for the alternative assessment of certain public school students that receive special education services and alternative accountability plans for certain campuses serving students that receive special education services could be absorbed using existing resources.

The bill's provisions require the commissioner of education to seek a waiver from federal accountability requirements for the annual alternate assessment of students with significant cognitive disabilities. If a waiver is denied, the state would be required to maintain two accountability systems: one state and one federal. This could have significant resource implication to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Local Government Impact

The bill's provisions would require districts to submit alternative assessment results to TEA for use in the accountability system. The commissioner would also be required to adopt appropriate guidelines for specialized support campus alternative accountability plans, including additional local data collections.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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