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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: **HB759** by Harless (Relating to the operation of threat assessment teams in public schools and the establishment of a student threat assessment database; creating a criminal offense.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB759, As Introduced : a negative impact of ($600,575) 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:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2022	($160,770)
2023	($439,805)
2024	($21,252)
2025	($21,252)
2026	($21,252)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2022	($160,770)
2023	($439,805)
2024	($21,252)
2025	($21,252)
2026	($21,252)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require safe and supportive school programs and threat assessment teams to complete threat assessments within 30 days of receiving notice of a threat and submit that data to the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Methodology

The bill would require TEA to develop and implement a statewide application and database to collect threat assessment data. The cost estimate for software development and implementation is $160,770 in fiscal year 2022 and $439,805 in fiscal year 2023 for a total cost of $600,575. Annual operating costs would be $21,252 in subsequent years.

Technology

The bill would require TEA to develop and implement a new database requiring new information technology infrastructure, potential modifications, and ongoing maintenance.

Local Government Impact

The bill would require school district and charter school safe and supportive school programs and threat assessment teams to report data to TEA within 30 days of receiving a threat.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency
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