

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB1504** by Morales, Christina (relating to ethnic studies instruction in public schools.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would add ethnic studies, including Mexican American and African American studies, to the foundation curriculum that is required to be offered in each Kindergarten through grade 12 school district.

This analysis assume that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Education Agency, adding Mexican American and African American studies to the required curriculum could lead to increased costs for school districts. These costs could be related to purchasing instructional material, hiring qualified staff, and providing professional development to teachers.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Texas Education Agency

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