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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: HB3298 by Allison (relating to the establishment of a computer science strategic advisory committee and the essential knowledge and skills of the technology applications curriculum.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB3298, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$226,876) 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	(\$139,618)
2023	(\$87,258)
2024	(\$87,258)
2025	(\$87,258)
2026	(\$87,258)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2021</i>
2022	(\$139,618)	1.0
2023	(\$87,258)	1.0
2024	(\$87,258)	1.0
2025	(\$87,258)	1.0
2026	(\$87,258)	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill's would establish an advisory committee to provide recommendations related to computer science instruction and participation in public schools.

Methodology

TEA estimates one Education Specialist III FTE would be needed to develop criteria and rules for grant eligibility, administer the grant process, monitor the grant, provide technical assistance to educators and

providers, and collect and report data related to the grant at an annual salary of \$63,616. Benefits would be \$20,688 and payroll contributions would be \$954 annually. Other operating expenses would be \$6,000 in FY 2022 and \$2,000 in subsequent years. This analysis assumes that this staff member would be primarily responsible for producing the biennial report required by the bill.

According to the Texas Education Agency, costs associated with reimbursing travel and other expenses associated with the advisory committee would total \$48,360 in fiscal year 2022.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

LBB Staff: JMc, SL, AH, THO