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TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3979 by Toth (Relating to the social studies curriculum in public schools.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Among its provisions, the bill would require that no private funding be used for curriculum development, purchase or choice of curricular materials, teacher training, or professional development pertaining to courses on Texas, United States, and world history, government, civics, social studies, or similar subject areas. The bill would also require the State Board of Education to adopt essential knowledge and skills related to various civic concepts, individuals, and historical events.

This analysis assumes that the costs associated with the bill's provisions could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

To the extent that a local education agency relied on private funds for any of the prohibited activities, that LEA could see increased costs as a result of the bill.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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