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TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4465 by Dutton (Relating to grants and federal disaster relief funds available to school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and regional education service centers to provide services to students after a disaster in the state of Texas.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to establish a grant program for districts impacted by disasters. The grant program would provide additional funding for extending instructional time; broadband grants to ensure students have access to remote instruction; innovation in curriculum and instruction; improvements in quality of air and water at school facilities; and accelerated learning.

The bill would require TEA to use funds reserved for the state for administrative purposes under the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act or the American Rescue Plan Act to establish the grant program.

While the agency would require additional resources to implement the grant program established by the bill, this analysis assumes that the administrative set-asides provided under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act and the American Rescue Plan Act would be sufficient to support those expenses.

Local Government Impact

The bill would establish additional reporting requirements for local education agencies. Those costs are likely to be offset by additional funding from the grant program established under the bill.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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