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**TO:** Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1225** by Metcalf (Relating to the administration of certain required assessment instruments in paper format.), **As Engrossed**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB1225, As Engrossed : a negative impact of (\$8,837,664) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

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>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to <i>General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$4,418,832)
2025	(\$4,418,832)
2026	(\$4,418,832)
2027	(\$4,418,832)
2028	(\$4,418,832)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1
2024	(\$4,418,832)
2025	(\$4,418,832)
2026	(\$4,418,832)
2027	(\$4,418,832)
2028	(\$4,418,832)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would allow school districts to administer certain assessment instruments in paper format to any student whose parent, guardian, or teacher makes a request. The bill would require a timeline for these requests and limit the number of permitted requests to 3.0 percent of student enrollment in the district. The bill would also permit school districts to offer these assessments in paper format if required by a student's admission, review, and dismissal (ARD) committee.

**Methodology**

The Texas Education Agency assumes that the cost to the agency to print State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and STAAR Spanish assessments in paper format for 3.0 percent of enrolled students would be approximately \$1.7 million per fiscal year. The agency assumes that half of students receiving special education services would require paper test materials based on ARD determination at a cost of \$2.8 million per fiscal year.

**Local Government Impact**

It is assumed districts may incur costs related to implementation of provisions of the bill including procedures for tracking requests and providing staffing for administration of additional test formats.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Texas Education Agency

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