

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 16, 2023**

**TO:** Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Chair, House Committee on Youth Health & Safety, Select

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

**IN RE: HB3898** by Martinez (relating to establishing a pilot program to provide a life skills advisor and establish a life skills circle to assess certain student behavior at public high school campuses in certain counties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB3898, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted : a negative impact of (\$1,075,814) 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>	<i>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</i>
2024	(\$835,349)
2025	(\$240,465)
2026	(\$240,465)
2027	(\$240,465)
2028	(\$240,465)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1</i>
2024	(\$835,349)
2025	(\$240,465)
2026	(\$240,465)
2027	(\$240,465)
2028	(\$240,465)

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would require the commissioner of education to establish a life skills advisor pilot program for high schools in certain counties. The bill would require the commissioner to adopt rules, develop a mental health and safety curriculum for the program, to review the program, and to prepare a written report.

**Methodology**

This analysis assumes that the Texas Education Agency would require 2.0 additional full-time-equivalent (FTE)

positions to establish the program, adopt rules, develop the required curriculum, and to develop the written evaluation report. This cost of these FTEs would be \$0.2 million in fiscal years 2024-28.

TEA indicates that they would also require \$0.6 million in fiscal year 2024 in professional fees for curriculum writing, as well as \$20,000 each fiscal year in professional fees related to data collection and management for reporting required by the provisions of the bill.

### **Local Government Impact**

It is assumed certain districts would incur costs associated with implementation of the bill such as development of processes and procedures and related training. Participating districts would designate existing staff as life skills advisors, so this analysis does not assume that personnel costs would be incurred.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Texas Education Agency

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