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TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Education K-16

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB735 by Menéndez (Relating to Holocaust education and training provided to students enrolled at public schools and public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB735, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,296,874) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

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>
2026	(\$665,937)
2027	(\$630,937)
2028	(\$580,937)
2029	(\$580,937)
2030	(\$590,937)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 1	<i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</i>
2026	(\$665,937)	2.0
2027	(\$630,937)	2.0
2028	(\$580,937)	2.0
2029	(\$580,937)	2.0
2030	(\$590,937)	2.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would direct the Texas Historical Commission (THC) to establish a grant program to provide grants to school districts and museums, centers, and other relevant organizations in this state to assist in the implementation of Holocaust Remembrance Week instruction.

The bill would also establish a pilot program administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board at

certain institutions of higher education to train students enrolled in an educator preparation program to provide effective instruction related to the history and remembrance of the Holocaust.

The bill would also require all school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to submit a report on Holocaust Remembrance Week instruction and for the reports to be submitted to the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission.

Methodology

The Historical Commission, in coordination with the Advisory Commission, assumes funding for the grant program of \$250,000 per fiscal year.

THC indicates 2.0 FTEs would be required to manage the grant program and the educator preparation pilot program. This would include 1.0 Education Specialist IV and 1.0 Program Specialist IV.

The cost for the new FTEs including salaries, wages and benefits, is estimated to be \$212,865 per fiscal year.

Other ongoing expenses for the THC including travel, rent, consumable supplies, fuels and lubricants, other operating expenses, and other personnel expenses are estimated at \$36,928 per fiscal year. Additionally, the agency anticipates a professional services cost of \$156,144 in fiscal year 2026, \$131,144 in fiscal year 2027, and \$81,144 in each subsequent fiscal year.

It is assumed that any costs for institutions of higher education associated with the educator preparation pilot program would be absorbed within existing resources.

Technology

The THC anticipates a onetime technology cost of \$10,000 in fiscal year 2026 for laptops, software and related items, and an additional \$10,000 in fiscal year 2030 for the agency's technology replacement cycle.

Local Government Impact

Regional education service centers may incur costs associated with the implementation of Section 8.065, Education Code, to expand educator training and classroom education opportunities regarding Holocaust education in collaboration with Holocaust Museums.

School districts and open-enrollment charter schools may incur costs incurred with the implementation of the reporting requirement outlined in Section 29.9072, Education Code, for Holocaust Remembrance Week instruction.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 717 Texas Southern University, 719 Texas State Technical College System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 775 Texas Woman's University System, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration, 808 Historical Commission

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