LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **SB843** by Kolkhorst (Relating to a Texas Education Agency database of school district and open-enrollment charter school bonds, taxes, and bond-related projects.), **As Passed 2nd House**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB843, As Passed 2nd House: a negative impact of ($3,000,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

The Texas Education Agency is required to implement a provision of the bill only if the legislature appropriates money specifically for that purpose. If the legislature does not appropriate money specifically for that purpose, the Texas Education Agency may, but is not required to, implement a provision of the bill using other appropriations available for that purpose.

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:

Fiscal Year	**Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to** ***General Revenue Related Funds***
2026	($1,500,000)
2027	($1,500,000)
2028	($1,500,000)
2029	($1,500,000)
2030	($1,500,000)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	**Probable Savings/(Cost) from** ***General Revenue Fund*** **1**
2026	($1,500,000)
2027	($1,500,000)
2028	($1,500,000)
2029	($1,500,000)
2030	($1,500,000)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to develop and maintain a database that includes current information regarding school district and open-enrollment chart school bonds, taxes, and bond-related projects. TEA could contract with a third party to develop and maintain the database.

Methodology

TEA assumes that it would be more cost-effective to contract with a third party to develop and maintain the database required under the bill. The agency assumes the fiscal impact of the third party contract would be $1.5 million each year.

Local Government Impact

Local Education Agencies would be required to provide information related to bonds, taxes, and tax rate election results, as well as any other information requested by the agency for the purpose of maintaining the database.

Source Agencies: 701 Texas Education Agency

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