

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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB843 by Kolkhorst (Relating to a Texas Education Agency database of school district bonds, taxes, and bond-related projects.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB843, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$3,000,000) 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 | (\$1,500,000) |
| 2027 | (\$1,500,000) |
| 2028 | (\$1,500,000) |
| 2029 | (\$1,500,000) |
| 2030 | (\$1,500,000) |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | Probable Savings/(Cost) from <i>General Revenue Fund</i> 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 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

School districts 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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