

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 22, 2015**

**TO:** Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB496** by Watson (Relating to Foundation School Program funding for students enrolled in an optional flexible school day program.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would require the Commissioner of Education to calculate average daily attendance for students in an optional flexible school day program using the two-hour and four-hour requirements that currently apply to the calculation of half and full-day regular program attendance in place of the current full-time-equivalent basis of six hours of contact time for a full day of attendance. This provision would enable optional flexible day programs to earn a full day of attendance for 240 minutes of instruction rather than the 360 minutes of instruction required to earn a full day of attendance under the existing calculation. The Texas Education Agency indicates the bill would not significantly affect state cost under the Foundation School Program or Agency operating costs.

**Local Government Impact**

School districts would be allowed to earn full day attendance for students in optional flexible day programs based on 240 minutes of instruction rather than 360 minutes of instruction. School districts could experience some cost associated with modifying local flexible attendance data collection and reporting systems.

**Source Agencies:** 701 Central Education Agency

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