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TO: Honorable Dan Patrick, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2836** by Ratliff (Relating to the administration of certain state assessment instruments to public school students and to a study of the essential knowledge and skills of the required public school curriculum and of certain state assessment instruments.),
Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require each assessment instrument to be determined to be valid and reliable on the basis of empirical evidence by an entity that is independent of the test developer and the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

The bill would require an assessment instrument to be designed so that a majority of students will be able to complete the assessment within 180 minutes; and the maximum time allowed for an assessment is eight hours, to be completed in one calendar day.

The bill would create an advisory committee to conduct a study regarding the essential knowledge and skills of the required curriculum and assessment instruments administered to students in grades three through eight.

The bill would require the Commissioner of Education to ensure that procedures are designed to minimize disruptions to school operations and the classroom environment.

Based on information provided by TEA, this analysis assumes that any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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