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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1234 by Whitmire (Relating to the prevention of truancy and the offense of failure to attend school.), **As Passed 2nd House**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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This bill would allow a school district, court, or juvenile probation department to employ a case manager to provide case services for juveniles. School districts would be required to employ a truancy prevention facilitator or designate an existing employee to implement truancy prevention measures.

The bill would allow school districts to adopt additional truancy prevention measures. The Class C misdemeanor offense for failure to attend school would be limited to a fine not to exceed \$100 for the first offense and increasing by \$100 per offense up to \$500 for the fifth offense.

No significant fiscal impact to the state is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

Local governments would be required to employ a truancy prevention facilitator or designate an existing employee for these purposes.

The bill also prescribes maximum fines from \$100 to \$500 for failure to attend school based on the number of prior offenses; however, since fines rarely exceed \$100 currently this provision is not anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact.

The Conference of Urban Counties and the Texas Association of Counties reported no significant fiscal impact to local governments associated with the bill.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts

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