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TO: Honorable Florence Shapiro, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB82 by Van de Putte (relating to safety regulations for certain public school extracurricular activities), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would add provisions to the Education Code concerning safety regulations for extracurricular activities in public schools and other schools subject to University Interscholastic League (UIL) regulations. The Texas Education Agency would be required to develop a safety training course and to maintain a telephone number and email address to allow individuals to report safety violations.

Local Government Impact

Beginning with the 2008-2009 school year, school districts would be required to provide safety training courses for all coaches, trainers, sponsors, and certain physicians who assist with extracurricular athletic activities. The bill includes certification in CPR as one of the elements of the training for those staff who are not currently required to hold CPR certification under §33.086 Education Code. Assuming that about 6,000 staff would be trained each year to maintain two-year certification at a cost of about \$50 per individual, the cost statewide to comply would be estimated at \$300,000 annually beginning in FY2009.

The bill would also require safety training for students who participate in extracurricular athletic activities. If about 10% of the students enrolled in grades 7-12 are provided the training by school district staff during the initial practice for an activity and if electronic documents are used to meet the requirement that the student and parents receive a copy of Sections 33.201-207, Education Code and UIL parent manual, the annual cost statewide to comply with the student training and notification provisions would not be expected to be significant.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, UIL University Interscholastic League

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