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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB592 by Pitts (Relating to certain counties that are not required to operate a juvenile justice alternative education program.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would exempt certain counties with populations of 125,000 or greater from the requirement that expelled students and students meeting other mandatory placement requirements must be placed in a Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP). The parameters stipulated in the bill appear to identify Ellis County.

Currently, statute requires counties with populations of 125,000 or greater to operate a JJAEP, and the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission allows counties with populations of 72,000 or greater to elect to operate a JJAEP and to receive state funding for mandatory placements. In the 2010-11 biennium, JJAEPs earn state funding of \$79 per student per day for mandatory placements. These funds are transferred from Foundation School Program funds appropriated to the Texas Education Agency.

Ellis County currently does not operate a JJAEP. As such, no fiscal impact is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 665 Juvenile Probation Commission, 701 Central Education Agency

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