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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Varela DATE TYPED 2/16/04 HB HJM 83

SHORT TITLE Student Health & Fitness Reports SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			See Narrative		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 83 requests that the Public Education Department (PED) study the feasibility of implementing a statewide health and fitness report card program, with the goal of objectively measuring student weight and fitness levels, informing parents of those results and encouraging parents to actively work with their children to improve their weight and fitness levels.

Significant Issues

Obesity among children and adults is leading some nutritionists, dietitians, physicians, and other health professionals and health advocates to predict that obesity in the United States has reached or may soon attain “epidemic” status. This memorial suggests the schools may be able to keep the prediction from occurring. If implemented as a statewide program, school districts and the PED will have additional duties to perform with cost and staffing implications yet to be determined.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The PED will incur some costs to conduct the study. How the study is conducted will determine the actual costs and these costs will add to those already implicit in other memorials addressed to the PED.

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