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TO: Honorable Geanie Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB484 by Wilson (Relating to automatic admission to graduate or professional degree programs at institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would grant students graduating from an institution with a bachelor's degree and with a grade point average in the top 10% of their graduating class admission into the graduate or professional degree programs of Texas institutions of higher education.

No additional spaces would be added to these programs. Only the selection criteria would be changed. If the number of applicants entitled to automatic admission exceeded the number of spaces offered, a lottery would be held to determine who would be admitted.

The bill would be effective for admissions beginning the fall semester of 2004.

Higher education institutions could experience minimal administrative costs to implement changes.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 720 The University Of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University Of Houston System Administration

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