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TO: Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Subcommittee on Higher Education

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB26 by Zaffirini (Relating to the establishment of a pilot program for retention of students in higher education.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill requires the Coordinating Board to develop, implement, and evaluate a Freshman SUCCESS Pilot Program to focus on the retention of high-risk, low-income, first generation, and/or educationally underprepared students. These responsibilities would require the addition of an additional half-time employee for fiscal year 2004 and part of fiscal year 2005 to develop/conduct/ evaluate the pilot program, at a cost of approximately \$40,500 in 2004 and \$37,500 in 2005.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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