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

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

IN RE: HB1215 by Morrison (Relating to the degree programs offered by the University of Houston-Victoria.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under provisions of the bill, Section 111.96(b) of the Education Code would be amended to allow the University of Houston - Victoria to offer graduate level programs. Graduate level courses must be approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board before an institution can offer them. The University of Houston - Victoria estimates it would need at least four years of planning before submitting any new graduate programs for approval, and could accommodate this planning with in existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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