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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: HB1431 by Frost (Relating to the issuance of revenue bonds for Texas A&M University--Texarkana.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1431, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$11,351,600) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2006	(\$5,675,800)
2007	(\$5,675,800)
2008	(\$5,675,800)
2009	(\$5,675,800)
2010	(\$5,675,800)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable (Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1
2006	(\$5,675,800)
2007	(\$5,675,800)
2008	(\$5,675,800)
2009	(\$5,675,800)
2010	(\$5,675,800)

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would authorize the issuance \$65 million of tuition revenue bonds by Texas A&M University System for Texas A&M University - Texarkana to be used in the improvement of facilities and related infrastructure.

The bonds would be payable from pledged revenue plus tuition. The bonds would not be general obligations of the state. However, the issued bonds would have fiscal implications for the state. Although tuition income is pledged against the bonds, historically the Legislature has appropriated General Revenue to reimburse institutions for the tuition used to pay the debt service. This note assumes the Legislature would continue this policy.

Methodology

It is assumed the bonds would be issued on September 1, 2005, at a 6.00 percent interest rate with a 20-year level debt service amortization. Based on calculations prepared by Texas A&M University System the amount of debt service payments would be \$5,675,800 for fiscal year 2006 and \$5,675,800 for fiscal year 2007. The total estimated amount of debt service (principal and interest from fiscal year 2006 to fiscal year 2025 is estimated to be \$113,516,000.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 347 Public Finance Authority, 352 Bond Review Board, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices

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