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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: HB1725 by Casteel (Relating to the authority of another institution of higher education to conduct vocational or technical courses in the service area of a junior college district.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under the provisions of the bill, an institution of higher education located in a county, with a population of 35,000 or less, could offer lower-division-level vocational or technical courses in the service area of a junior college district if certain criteria are met. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) would be required to establish criteria for approval and monitoring of the programs; however, THECB will be able to implement provisions of the bill within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Board of Regents, Texas State University System Central Office, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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