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TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on S/C on Higher Education

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

IN RE: HB1250 by Howard, Charlie (Relating to prohibiting discrimination based on a student's secondary school in awarding certain financial aid for higher education.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board indicates that currently an individual graduating from an accredited private high school proves he/she has taken "the equivalent" of the Recommended High School Curriculum by having his/her counselor complete a form that shows the equivalences in his/her curriculum to the 22 1/2-credit requirements of the Recommended Curriculum. Failure to have taken even the 1/2 credit of speech can cause a public or private accredited high school student from qualifying for a TEXAS Grant. The Board assumes the process of determining whether a graduate from an unaccredited high school has graduated with the "equivalence" of the Recommended Curriculum would use the same approach when counselors are available. Provisions of the bill would be absorbed within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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