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TO: Honorable Rob Eissler, Chair, House Committee on Public Education

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

IN RE: HB2372 by Morrison (Relating to the computation of a student's high school grade point average.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend Chapter 51, Education Code to require the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to establish a standard method for computing high school grade point average that provides for additional weight to be given for each honors course, advanced placement course, international baccalaureate course, or dual credit course completed by a student. The bill would limit the application of the method to the calculation of grade point for the purpose of determining eligibility for admission to a general academic teaching institution. The calculation would apply to students seeking entry as a first-time freshman beginning with the fall 2009 semester.

If a standard method of calculation grade point average were adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under Chapter 28, Education Code, the bill would provide for the method adopted under Chapter 51 to prevail for the purpose of determining the student's eligibility for university admission under Subchapter U, Chapter 51, Education Code.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Based on information collected by the Texas Education Agency through focus group meetings in December 2006, it appears that grade point average calculations vary widely from district to district. Given the complexity and variety of methods of calculating high school grade point average, it is assumed that school districts would likely incur some cost in conforming to an adopted methodology. Anticipated costs would include modification of local procedures and software.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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