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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: HB2639 by Smithee (Relating to risk management programs for members of fraternities and other student organizations at public and private postsecondary educational institutions and to certain insurance requirements for fraternities.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require a risk management program for members of fraternities and of any other student organization registered at the institution. Each current officer, advisor, and pledge of a fraternity and any current fraternity member who has not previously attended the program would be required to attend. The program must address possession and use of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs, hazing, sexual abuse and harassment, fire and other safety issues, conduct at parties and other events held by the fraternity or other student organization, and adoption of a risk management policy. The institution would be required to provide notice of the program to each registered student organization and include information concerning persons associated with a fraternity who are required to attend. The institution would be required to make a record of attendance and notification for five years following the start of the program. The bill will take effect September 1, 2007 with changes to the fall 2008 semester. Higher education institutions would implement provisions of this bill within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 454 Department of Insurance, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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