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TO: Honorable Florence Shapiro, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

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

IN RE: HB3851 by Morrison (relating to the admission of high school graduates and undergraduate transfer students to certain institutions of higher education, the computation of a student's high school grade point average for purposes of determining eligibility for admission, and policies to promote the admission of undergraduate transfer students.), **Committee Report 2nd House, As Amended**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill relates to the admission of high school and community college transfer students to institutions of higher education. The bill would direct the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to adopt rules establishing a standard method for computing a student's high school grade point average. The bill would change the date each institution must provide to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board a report describing the composition of the institution's entering class of students from July 31 to December 1. The bill would add requirements that the report be published on the institution's website and include high school class standing and a description of any plans, policies, or programs to recruit and retain students from underrepresented groups such as racial or ethnic minority groups.

Under provisions of the bill, each institution shall adopt a written admission policy to promote the admission of undergraduate transfer students to the institution. The policy must provide for outreach and recruiting efforts directed at junior colleges and other lower-division institutions of higher education and may include incentives to encourage transfer applications and to retain and promote transfer students. Provisions of the bill will be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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