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TO: Honorable Geanie Morrison, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

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

IN RE: SB1231 by Zaffirini (Relating to refunding tuition and mandatory fees at institutions of higher education for dropped courses and student withdrawals.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 54.006 of the Education Code as it relates to refunding tuition and mandatory fees at institutions of higher education for dropped courses and student withdrawals. The bill establishes parameters for a summer session refund schedule based on the duration of the summer term. If the term is 10 weeks or longer, the refund policy will be the same as Fall and Spring semesters. Shorter term summer sessions have a proportional adjustment to the refund period. Under provisions of the bill if a student withdraws but has not paid the total amount of the tuition and mandatory fees, the institution may credit the amount to be refunded toward the payment of the outstanding tuition and mandatory fees. Higher education institutions would implement provisions of the bill 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, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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