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TO: Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

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

IN RE: HB425 by Christian (relating to a prohibition against changing the name of certain public institutions of higher education that are named after state historical figures.), Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under provisions of the bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, with consultation of the Texas Historical Commission, will maintain a registry that includes each general academic teaching institution, other than a public state college, that is named after an established historical figure of the state. The governing board of an institution of higher education included on the registry may not change the name of the institution in a manner that removes the name of the established historical figure from the name of the institution. Any costs associated with this bill would be absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 758 Texas State University System, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 808

Historical Commission

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