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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: HB2954 by Coleman (Relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at Texas Southern University.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under provisions of the bill, Texas Southern University may impose a student fee in an amount not to exceed \$75 for each regular term or \$37.50 for each summer term. Under current law the fee may not exceed \$35 for each long session or \$17.50 for each summer session. The fee is used for operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping the student center and acquiring or constructing additions to the student center.

The university estimates that if the fee was collected at the maximum rate provided under the bill the fee would generate approximately \$1.4 million per year. The board may not increase the amount of the student center fee by more than 10 percent in any academic year unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority of the students voting in an election held for that purpose or by a majority of the student government of the institution.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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