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TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB4149 by Rose (Relating to certain studies and reports by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board regarding achievable cost-saving measures and the use and availability of electronic textbooks at institutions of higher education.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under provisions of the bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board would be required to conduct a study to identify achievable cost-savings measures in the management and operation of institutions of higher education. The Board would submit the study no later than January 31, 2011. The bill would also require the Higher Education Coordinating board to conduct a study, and recommend polices, regarding the use and availability of electronic textbooks in Texas, and in other states. The study would specifically include a focus on the results of a pilot program conducted by the University of Texas at Austin and address methods to encourage the use of electronic textbooks. Any costs associated with the study would be absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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