

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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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: HB4189** by Rose (Relating to the conduct of compliance programs by institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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Provisions of the bill would allow institutions of higher education that maintain a compliance program to establish procedures to provide private access to a compliance office, maintain anonymity of individuals who make a compliance report or participate in a compliance investigation, and preserve confidentiality of communications.

Under the bill, certain information would be confidential if the related individual does not consent to its disclosure. Information produced that would interfere with an ongoing compliance investigation would be excepted from disclosure under Government Code Chapter 552. The information would be available to a law enforcement agency or prosecutor for official purposes.

**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, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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