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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: SB42 by Zaffirini (Relating to the eligibility of certain postdoctoral fellows and graduate students to participate in health benefit programs at public institutions of higher education.),
As Engrossed

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would extend participation eligibility for group health insurance benefits to postdoctoral fellows and to certain graduate students receiving competitive fellowships totaling \$10,000 or more per year.

This bill would make the institution responsible for payment of the premium contributions for these newly-eligible program participants. The premium contributions funded by the institution would be made in proportion to the source of funds from which the fellowship(s) is(are) paid.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 327 Employees Retirement System, 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

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