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TO: Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

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 Introduced

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would extend participation eligibility for group health insurance benefits to postdoctoral fellows and graduate students receiving competitive fellowships totaling \$10,000 or more per year, even if the fellow or graduate student is not employed by the institution.

Since this bill does not require the state make a contribution toward the health benefits costs of these newly-eligible program participants, it is assumed the costs of providing the health benefits coverage would come from the institution, fellowship, or student.

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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