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TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

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

IN RE: SB44 by Zaffirini (relating to the participation of undergraduate students in funding awarded under the advanced research program.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would allow undergraduate students to participate in the advanced research program. Currently only faculty members can participate in the program. Under provisions of the bill, an eligible institution must use a portion of the award to support basic research conducted by undergraduate students in connection with the project for which the award is made. Any costs associated with this bill would be absorbed within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 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, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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