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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: SB1561** by Shapiro (Relating to developing a developmental education plan for students entering public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1561, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$170,000) through the biennium ending August 31, 2011.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2010	(\$85,000)
2011	(\$85,000)
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1
2010	(\$85,000)
2011	(\$85,000)
2012	\$0
2013	\$0
2014	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

Under provisions of the bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board would be required to develop a statewide plan for developmental education. The developmental education plan must include specific criteria as indicated in the bill. Not later than December 1, 2010, the Higher Education Coordinating Board shall submit to the governor, lieutenant governor, speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education a report concerning the initial development of the developmental education plan, including any recommendations for redesign or reassignment among institutions of higher education of existing programs or implementation of new programs and, if appropriate, recommendations for legislation. Provisions of the bill expire on January 1, 2011.

Methodology

The Higher Education Coordinating has indicated that they will need resources in the professional

services and travel categories to develop the plan. Professional service contracts will be awarded to assist full-time staff with data collection and research necessary to develop the plan. Travel resources will be needed for staff travel to regional meetings with institutions of higher education to collect data and feedback for the plan.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board would require \$75,000 for professional service contracts for fiscal year 2010 and \$75,000 for fiscal year 2011. These costs were based on the average contracts for data collection, research, and meeting facilitation for similar efforts by the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The estimated cost for two professional service contracts will range from \$35,000-\$38,000 each.

The Higher Education Coordinating Board would require \$10,000 for staff travel for fiscal year 2010 and \$10,000 for fiscal year 2011. The estimated cost for travel is based upon \$1,000 for two full-time staff persons to travel to ten regional one-day meetings held with institutions of higher education regarding required components of the developmental education plan.

### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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