

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 13, 2009**

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

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

**IN RE: SB2210** by West (Relating to the formula funding for public institutions of higher education for certain credit hours that do not count toward a degree.), **As Introduced**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

Under current law, the Higher Education Coordinating Board may not include in their formula funding recommendations semester credit hours earned by a resident undergraduate student who before the semester or other academic session begins has previously attempted a number of semester credit hours for courses taken at any institution of higher education while classified as a resident student for tuition purposes that exceeds by at least 30 hours the number of semester credit hours required for completion of the degree program or programs in which the student is enrolled. Under provisions of the bill, 30 semester credit hours or less that are earned through one or more dual credit courses for which the student received credit toward a high school diploma, would be excluded from the cap. It is assumed any formula funding costs associated with passage of this bill would not be significant.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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