

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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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: HB33** by Branch (Relating to measures to increase the affordability of textbooks used for courses at public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill would seek to increase the amount of information on college textbooks available to university students. Not later than 30 days before the start of classes, an institution of higher education would be required to provide, in both hard copy and electronic formats, detailed information about each course's textbook requirements, including: retail price; author; publisher; copyright date; and International Standard Book Number. The bill also places requirements on publishers to provide similar information to faculty concerning textbook selections and restricts the bundling of materials for sale in a single package.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 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, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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