

**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: HB136** by Shelton (Relating to restrictions on dropping courses at public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

<b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill amends various provisions in the Education Code that relate to dropped courses at public institutions of higher education. Under provisions of the bill, institutions can adopt a policy that limits the number of courses a student is permitted to drop. Section 51.907 (c) of the Education Code that limits the total number of drops to six courses, including transfer courses is repealed in the bill. Any costs associated with implementing the bill would be absorbed within current resources. Some institutions have indicated that provisions in the bill could potentially reduce the amount of time needed to monitor and track students.

**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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