

**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: HB1053** by Patrick, Diane (Relating to the tuition exemption offered by public institutions of higher education to firefighters enrolled in certain courses.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill adds Section 54.2082 to the Education Code to create an advisory committee to make recommendations for the implementation of the tuition exemption for students enrolled in courses as part of a fire science curriculum offered under Section 54.208. The committee must be composed of members from institutions of higher education, experts in the fire sciences, and firefighters. Not later than September 1, 2012, the advisory committee shall issue a report of its recommendations to the legislature and the Higher Education Coordinating Board. This section expires January 1, 2013.

**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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