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TO: Honorable Sid Miller, Chair, House Committee on Homeland Security & Public Safety

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

IN RE: HB1356 by Gooden (Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or institutions of higher education.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would restrict an institution of higher education from adopting rules prohibiting the carrying of licensed concealed handguns on campus by a faculty member, staff member, or employee of the institution. The bill would authorize a private or independent institution of higher education to adopt rules prohibiting the carrying of licensed concealed handguns on campus by a faculty member, staff member, or employee of the institution. The bill amends both the Government Code and the Penal Code and would take effect September 1, 2011. Changes to the Penal Code apply only to an offense committed on or after the bill's effective date.

Institutions of higher education reported that the bill's provisions could increase costs related to campus police operations, security programs, and staff training. Adaptation of campus facilities to accommodate the storage of handguns could result in new costs for institutions.

For this analysis it is assumed implementing the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant impact on the programs and workload of State corrections agencies or on the demand for resources of those agencies.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 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, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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