

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

**FISCAL NOTE, 82ND LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 16, 2011**

**TO:** Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

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

**IN RE: HB2115** by Coleman (Relating to the distribution of money appropriated from the national research university fund.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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This bill requires the following:

- 1) Direct the Coordinating Board to provide the Comptroller with annual restricted research expenditure data for each institution eligible to receive National Research University Fund (NRUF) proceeds.
- 2) Direct the Comptroller to allocate the NRUF proceeds proportionally according to each institution's pro rata share of the 3-year average of all eligible institutions' unrestricted research expenditures, provided no eligible institution receives less than \$2.5 million annually.
- 3) If in a fiscal year there are insufficient funds to provide each eligible institution with the minimum \$2.5 million, the Comptroller is directed to retain any proceeds within the fund for that fiscal year.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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

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