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TO: Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

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

IN RE: SB1724 by Zaffirini (Relating to conditions on the receipt of tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under provisions of the bill, the continued eligibility for certain tuition and fee exemptions would be contingent on making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree or certificate. The exemptions will also not be granted if the student has completed more than six semester credit hours in excess of the minimum required to complete degree program. The bill does not apply to the exemption provided by Section 54.216 (concurrent high school/college enrollment) or any other dual credit course or student. The bill would be effective beginning in Spring 2012. Some institutions have responded that there could be increased tuition revenue due to students not meeting the new requirements, but the increased tuition revenue is not considered significant. Any administrative costs associated with the bill would be absorbed within existing resources.

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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