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TO: Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee On Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB22 by Martinez Fischer (Relating to the establishment of a public service requirement for undergraduate students, known as Service to Texas, at public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Under provisions of the bill, a student is required to perform at least 20 hours of unpaid public service while enrolled in an institution of higher education in order to receive a baccalaureate degree or a certificate for an undergraduate program requiring at least 60 semester credit hours. The public service activities must be for and under the supervision of a nonprofit organization, governmental entity, or other entity that benefits needy or deserving individuals. Each institution of higher education must assign an existing office to coordinate and monitor this program to assist students in satisfying the requirements and also to develop a list of approved public organizations and entities for selection by a student. The section will apply to a student who first enrolls on or after September 1, 2014. Institutions would implement provisions of the bill 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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