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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB82** by McClendon (relating to a single common course numbering system for public institutions of higher education in this state.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would require that each institution adopt a core curriculum of not less than 42 semester credit hours that would be consistent with the single common course numbering system approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). By June 1, 2014, with input from institutions of higher education, the THECB shall develop and approve a single common numbering system already in common use statewide or by one or more insitutions of higher education. The THECB would establish a timetable that requires institutions of higher education, other than The University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University, to phase in the inclusion of the applicable course numbers from the common course numbering system in their individual course listings and course numbering systems for all courses offered for the 2018-2019 academic year and subsequent years.

Based on the LBB's analysis of responses by a sample of public university systems and the THECB, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished using 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, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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