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TO: Honorable Larry Taylor, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB505 by Rodriguez, Eddie (Relating to a prohibition of limitations on the number of dual credit courses or hours in which a public high school student may enroll.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would prohibit any limitation of the number of dual credit courses, dual credit hours, or grade levels in which a high school student could enroll each semester or academic year. The bill would repeal statute prohibiting high school students from enrolling in more than three courses in a junior college if the junior college does not have a service area that includes the student's high school.

The bill could result in an increase in dual credit students at institutions of higher education. This could result in an additional cost to General Revenue due to increased formula costs for higher education beginning in fiscal year 2018. These costs are not considered significant.

The bill has no direct fiscal implications for the Foundation School Program (FSP) and no impact on the operations of the Texas Education Agency.

Local Government Impact

School districts that currently pay the tuition and fees for students to attend dual credit courses would see increases in their costs if they selected to continue to pay for these costs. These costs could vary widely depending on participation.

Districts that did not cover the cost of tuition and fees may see some administrative cost savings for students that attended additional dual credit courses that were taught by the college and not by district staff.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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