

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Kel Seliger, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1583 by Clardy (Relating to block scheduling for certain associate degree and certificate programs at public junior colleges.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would require each public junior college to establish a block schedule curriculum for each allied health or nursing associate degree or certificate program and at least 50 percent of the career and technology associate degree or certificate programs offered by the college and publish the available block schedule curricula offered by the college prior to the beginning of the semester.

Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, providing block scheduling for certain programs may lead to greater enrollment in those community college programs, resulting in additional contact hours and success points. This may result in an additional cost to General Revenue due to increased formula costs for community colleges beginning in fiscal year 2018, however, the potential increase in contact hours and the resulting formula funding cost is unknown.

Local Government Impact

Based on information provided by Dallas County Community College and Tyler Junior College, any costs associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

Source Agencies: 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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