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

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB1613** by Guillen (Relating to the alignment of college readiness standards and expectations and essential knowledge and skills and the use to satisfy requirements concerning high school end-of-course assessment instruments of performance demonstrating satisfaction of certain college readiness benchmarks on certain assessment instruments designated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the State Board of Education (SBOE) to develop and adopt, by rule, a chart that shows the alignment of college readiness standards with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). The bill would exempt a student from the Algebra I or the English I and English III end-of-course (EOC) assessments if the student enrolls in a college preparatory mathematics or English language arts course and satisfies the requirements of the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) assessment instruments, even if the student previously failed the EOC. The bill would allow students who do not successfully satisfy the TSI assessments to retake the TSI assessments or the appropriate EOC. The bill would take effect September 1, 2015, or immediately if passed within the necessary voting margins.

The bill would not have a significant impact on operations of the Texas Education Agency or the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Local Government Impact

School districts and open-enrollment charter schools may have fewer administrations of EOC retests in Algebra I, English I, and English II, or may have increased Texas Success Initiative assessment administrations. However, the cumulative fiscal impact of such administration changes is not expected to be significant.

Source Agencies: 701 Central Education Agency, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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