

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 84TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 8, 2015**

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

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB44** by Zaffirini (Relating to matching private grants given to enhance additional research activities at institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

**No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would clarify that private gifts for undergraduate research received by an emerging research institution are eligible to receive a state match under the Texas Research Incentive Program. The bill would also clarify that private gifts for financial aid received by an emerging research institution are not eligible to receive a state match under the Texas Research Incentive Program. Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, undergraduate research gifts are currently allowed to be matched under the program and gifts for financial aid are not allowed to be matched, therefore the bill would not have a fiscal impact.

**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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