

**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: SB691** by Birdwell (Relating to tuition and fee exemptions for certain students enrolled in fire science courses at public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

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

The bill amends the Education Code as it relates to exemptions for students enrolled in fire science courses from the payment of tuition and laboratory fees at public institutions of higher education. The bill removes the requirement that a student with an organized volunteer fire department be an active participant in the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System or a retirement system established under the Texas Local Fire Fighters Retirement Act. Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board and institutions of higher education, it is assumed provisions of the bill would not have a significant impact.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 326 Texas Emergency Services Retirement System, 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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