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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 3808 |
| By: Clardy |
| Higher Education |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** Interested parties suggest that licensed marriage and family therapists would benefit from student loan repayment assistance. H.B. 3808 seeks to provide greater access to such assistance. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** H.B. 3808 amends the Education Code to make a licensed marriage and family therapist eligible for repayment assistance for certain mental health professional education loans, with the amount of such assistance capped at $80,000 if the therapist has received a doctoral degree related to marriage and family therapy and $40,000 if not. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2017. |