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TO: Honorable J. M. Lozano, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB16 by Lozano (Relating to sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking at public and private postsecondary educational institutions.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require public and private postsecondary educational institutions to adopt a policy on campus sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. The bill would require each postsecondary educational institution to develop and establish or contract with a third party to develop and establish an online reporting system to report allegations of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence or stalking. Under provisions of the bill, each peace officer employed by a postsecondary educational institution must complete training on trauma-informed investigation into allegations of sexual harassment, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. The bill would require each postsecondary educational institution to designate a Title IX Coordinator.

The bill would authorize the Higher Education Coordinating Board to assess an administrative penalty of up to \$2.0 million against an institution that failed to substantially comply with provisions of the bill. Under provisions of the bill, a private or independent college or university may not pay an administrative penalty using state or federal money. The bill would require the commissioner of higher education to establish a training advisory committee.

Based on an analysis of responses from institutions of higher education and the Higher Education Coordinating Board, duties and responsibilities associated with implementing provisions of the bill could be accomplished utilizing existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant 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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