

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

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**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

**IN RE: HB846** by Raney (Relating to the implementation of student financial assistance programs for veterans and their families. ), **As Passed 2nd House**

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

The bill would prohibit an institution of higher education or a private or independent institution of higher education from imposing additional fees on military veterans or family members for a program that are not otherwise required for the purpose of the program. In addition, an institution of higher education or a private or independent institution of higher education would be required to allow a military veteran or family member to defer tuition and fees if the receipt of military related financial assistance was delayed by less than 60 days.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017 and would apply beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year.

This analysis assumes that duties and responsibilities associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be accomplished by utilizing existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 403 Veterans Commission, 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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