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

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

**IN RE:** **HB2156** by Rodriguez, Justin (Relating to the creation by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board of a repository of student transcripts for certain private postsecondary educational institutions; authorizing fees and providing administrative penalties.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB2156, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$495,686) through the biennium ending August 31, 2019.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2018	(\$255,343)
2019	(\$240,343)
2020	(\$240,343)
2021	(\$240,343)
2022	(\$240,343)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2017
2018	(\$255,343)	3.0
2019	(\$240,343)	3.0
2020	(\$240,343)	3.0
2021	(\$240,343)	3.0
2022	(\$240,343)	3.0

Fiscal Analysis

Under provisions of the bill, the Higher Education Coordinating Board (Board) would be required

to maintain a repository for student transcripts from closed institutions that were issued a certificate of authority under Education Code Section 61.306 or a certificate of authorization under Education Code Section 61.303. The bill would allow the board to charge a fee to students requesting transcript copies maintained in the repository, not to exceed the cost of retrieving, reproducing, and sending the transcript copies.

### **Methodology**

Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, two additional FTEs, one program specialist and one administrative technician, would be needed to create and maintain the repository. The total costs for these three FTEs, including salaries and wages, retirement and other costs would be \$255,343 in fiscal year 2018 and \$240,343 in fiscal year 2019 and subsequent years.

### **Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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