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TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

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IN RE: **HB766** by Huberty (Relating to exemptions for disabled peace officers and fire fighters from payment of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.), **As Engrossed**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>

The bill amends statute as it relates to tuition and fee exemptions for disabled peace officers at public institutions of higher education by making the exemption mandatory instead of permissive. The bill would also allow disabled fire fighters to participate in the exemption. Based on information provided by the Higher Education Coordinating Board, there were less than 10 recipients under the current exemption for disabled peace officers. Therefore, it is estimated that the impact to institutions of higher education in terms of foregone tuition, based on an expansion of the exemption, would not be significant.

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,
719 Texas State Technical College System Administration, 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,
985 Tyler Junior College

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