

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Chris Turner, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** John McGeady, Assistant Director    Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director  
Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB1749** by Wray (relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would amend the Education Code relating to the requirements for a junior college district to receive approval from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer baccalaureate degree programs.

The bill could result in a net decrease in General Revenue due to decreased formula funding at general academic institutions and health related institutions, which could be partially offset by increased formula funding at public junior colleges in fiscal years 2022-23. The bill could result in a net decrease in tuition and fee revenue at general academic institutions and health related institutions due to estimated declines in enrollment in certain programs. The net change in General Revenue and institutional funds for institutions of higher education would depend on the number of baccalaureate degree programs offered by public junior colleges and the number of students who choose to enroll in those programs instead of programs at general academic institutions or health related institutions. This analysis assumes that because the number of public junior colleges that would be impacted by the bill is limited, the fiscal implication to the State would not be significant.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**        781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 980 Southwest Texas Junior College, 985 Tyler Junior College, 996 Lone Star College System

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