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TO: Honorable Chris Turner, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

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IN RE: **HB4208** by Pacheco (Relating to the enforcement of certain requirements regarding the transfer of course credit between public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill relates to the enforcement of certain requirements regarding the transfer of course credit between public institutions of higher education. Under provisions of the bill, an institution is required to waive tuition and required fees for an admitted transfer student for semester credit hours that are not counted towards the student's degree program or in which the student receives elective credit only.

The bill would primarily impact designated tuition and fees, which are classified as institutional funds, and therefore would not impact the state. The bill would also impact laboratory fees, student teaching fees, and special course fees, that are accounted as educational and general income, or statutory tuition in the General Appropriations Act. Higher Education System Offices reported that the impact in foregone revenues from providing the exemption could be significant, ranging from \$0.7 million to \$15.9 million per year, across their component institutions.

This analysis assumes that any costs for institutions of higher education to implement programming changes to student billing systems associated with the bill, could be absorbed within current 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,
758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech University System
Administration, 985 Tyler Junior College, 720 The University of Texas
System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System
Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University
of Houston System Administration, 980 Southwest Texas Junior College,
996 Lone Star College System

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