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

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IN RE: SB884 by Menéndez (Relating to the establishment of the Texas Emergency Aid for Public Postsecondary Students (TEAPPS) grant program for students at public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for SB884, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$2,119,690) through the biennium ending August 31, 2021.

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
2020	(\$52,719)
2021	(\$2,066,971)
2022	(\$2,061,971)
2023	(\$2,061,971)
2024	(\$2,061,971)

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

Fiscal Year	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund
2020	(\$52,719)
2021	(\$2,066,971)
2022	(\$2,061,971)
2023	(\$2,061,971)
2024	(\$2,061,971)

Fiscal Year	Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2019
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2020	0.5
2021	1.0
2022	1.0
2023	1.0
2024	1.0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would establish the Texas Emergency Aid for Public Postsecondary Students (TEAPPS) Grant Program. The program would be administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board (Board). Under provisions of the bill, the total amount of money appropriated for an academic year to award grants to institutions of higher education under the program may not exceed \$2 million and the Board may not award grants for the program before the 2020-21 academic year (FY 2021). Under provisions of the bill, an institution of higher education that receives a grant under the program must establish an application process for students enrolled at the institution to apply for emergency aid awarded through the program.

Methodology

This analysis assumes that beginning in fiscal year 2021, the Board will award grants through the program totaling \$2.0 million per year. The Board indicates they would need to add a 0.5 FTE Program Specialist III in fiscal year 2020 to set up the new program at a total cost for salaries and benefits of \$29,982. Beginning in fiscal year 2021, the Board indicates that it would also need an additional 0.5 FTE Accountant II to administer the program at a total cost for salaries and benefits of \$23,534 per year. Technology and other costs for the new program range from \$22,737 in fiscal year 2020 to \$8,455 in subsequent years. This analysis assumes that any costs for institutions of higher education to implement the provisions of 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, 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, 980 Southwest Texas Junior College, 985 Tyler Junior College, 996 Lone Star College System

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