

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 15, 2019**

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

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

**IN RE:** **SB2231** by Watson (Relating to the exemption of tuition and laboratory fees at public institutions of higher education for certain paramedics.), **As Introduced**

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| <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 exemption of tuition and laboratory fees at public institutions of higher education for certain paramedics. The bill would expand the existing exemption requirement from tuition and fees for a firefighter taking courses in fire sciences to include paramedics.

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 expanding this 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,  
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

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