

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB981 by Dutton (Relating to a study by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board on the feasibility of establishing a divinity program at Texas Southern University.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would require the Higher Education Coordinating Board to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a divinity program that offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees at Texas Southern University. The bill would require the Coordinating Board to submit to each legislative standing committee with primary jurisdiction over higher education and the board of regents of Texas Southern University a report on the results of the study by December 1, 2022. It is assumed any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 717 Texas Southern University, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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