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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB167 by Blanco (Relating to a limitation on the amount of tuition charged by public institutions of higher education.), **As Introduced**

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would limit designated tuition increases at all public institutions of higher education in the state, including general academic institutions, health related institutions, technical colleges, public state colleges, and community colleges, beginning in the 2022-23 academic year (fiscal year 2023) to the total amount of tuition charged to a similarly situated student for the 2021-22 academic year (fiscal year 2022).

Designated tuition and fees within Subchapter E of the Texas Education Code, Chapter 54, except for laboratory fees, student teaching fees, and special course fees, are classified as institutional funds; therefore, there would be no impact to the State. Laboratory fees, student teaching fees, and special course fees under Subchapter E of the Texas Education Code, Chapter 54, are accounted for as educational and general income, or statutory tuition, in the General Appropriations Act. It is assumed that the provisions of the bill would not have a significant effect on this income.

Based on information provided by institutions of higher education, the bill would result in a loss in designated tuition revenue, which could reach a significant amount.

Administrative duties associated with the bill would be implemented within current resources.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M Univ System Admin, 719 TSTC System Admin, 720 UT Sys Admin, 758 Texas State University System, 768 Texas Tech Univ Sys Admin, 769 UNT System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 Univ of Houston Sys Admin, 980 Southwest Texas Junior College

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