

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 29, 2021**

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

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1251** by Miles (Relating to authorizing of joint degrees for certain graduate programs of The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.), **As Introduced**

<p><b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b></p>
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The bill would allow The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, with the proper approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and The University of Texas Board of Regents, to jointly prescribe courses and jointly conduct graduate programs with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston related to the fields of population and public health. Based on analysis of agency responses, it is assumed that the costs associated with the bill's provisions could be absorbed using existing resources.

While the provisions of the bill would not impact total formula funding for the 2022-23 biennium, the allowance for courses in public health at The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center could impact formula funding distributions within the Instruction and Operations formula in future biennia.

**Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 720 UT Sys Admin, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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