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TO: Honorable John Kuempel, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1323 by Talarico (Relating to the measures to encourage eligible students to claim certain tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for students who are or have been in foster or other residential care.), **As Introduced**

Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds for HB1323, As Introduced : a negative impact of (\$337,074) through the biennium ending August 31, 2025.

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:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2024	(\$306,638)
2025	(\$30,436)
2026	\$0
2027	\$0
2028	\$0

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	Probable Savings/(Cost) from General Revenue Fund 1	Probable (Cost) from GR Match For Medicaid 758	Probable (Cost) from Federal Funds 555
2024	(\$302,048)	(\$4,590)	(\$24,484)
2025	(\$29,980)	(\$456)	(\$2,431)
2026	\$0	\$0	\$0
2027	\$0	\$0	\$0
2028	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would require the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) to design and implement a streamlined eligibility determination and application process for tuition and fee exemptions under Education Code 54.366 and Education Code 54.367.

Methodology

For purposes of this fiscal note, it is assumed DFPS would be the lead agency in streamlining the application

process required under the bill.

It is assumed any costs to the Texas Education Agency, the Higher Education Coordinating Board, and the university systems could be absorbed within existing resources.

Technology

According to DFPS, to support eligibility determination and applications for exemptions, the agency would need to create a web-based application as well as update the Information Management Protecting Adults and Children in Texas (IMPACT) to include those functions. In addition, DFPS assumes a batch process would be developed for information sharing between DFPS and the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The agency assumes it would take 2,793 hours in fiscal year 2024, 279 hours in fiscal year 2025 and 1.0 contracted Fulltime Equivalent in fiscal year 2024 to complete the IT changes.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 530 Family and Protective Services, Department of, 701 Texas Education Agency, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 769 University of North Texas System Administration, 775 Texas Woman's University System, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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