

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 88TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 15, 2023**

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

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

**IN RE: HB2177** by Stucky (Relating to establishing a digital course materials pilot program.), **As Engrossed**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to the unavailability of data related to the number of institutions and students that would be participating in the pilot program.

The bill would create a digital course materials pilot program administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Board (Board). Under provisions of the bill, the Board would award grants to participating eligible institutions to provide financial assistance to students for the cost of accessing digital course materials. The bill requires the Board to adopt rules necessary to administer the pilot program.

The Board indicates that the fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to the unavailability of data related to the number of institutions and students that would be participating in the pilot program.

**Local Government Impact**

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

**Source Agencies:** 719 Texas State Technical College System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 978 San Jacinto College

**LBB Staff:** JMc, MOc, GO, JSM