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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB17 by Creighton (Relating to public higher education reform; authorizing administrative penalties.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill prohibits an institution of higher education from establishing or maintaining a diversity, equity, and inclusion office or hire or assign an employee of the institution, or contract with a third party, to perform the duties of a diversity, equity, and inclusion office. The bill prohibits an institution from requiring a student, employee, or applicant for employment at the institution to participate in a training on diversity, equity, inclusion, bias, oppression, gender identity.

The bill authorizes the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to assess an administrative penalty against the institution if the THECB determines that an institution of higher education has established or maintained a diversity, equity, and inclusion office; or requires a student, employee, or applicant for employment at the institution to participate in a training on diversity, equity, inclusion, bias, oppression, gender identity.

It is assumed that any costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 302 Office of the Attorney General, 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 720 The University of Texas System Administration, 758 Texas State University System, 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, 978 San Jacinto College

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