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

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB969 by Zaffirini (Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain correctional officers and jailers.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill amends the Education Code to expand an existing tuition and fee exemption, currently available to peace officers, to be available to correctional officers and jailers employed by the state or a political subdivision of the state. It is assumed that any general revenue costs associated with the bill could be absorbed using existing resources. The Higher Education Coordinating Board estimates that the impacts on institutions in the form of foregone revenue would be approximately \$3,472,365 for fiscal year 2024 and would increase each year based on projected enrollment growth and tuition increases. The majority of this tuition is designated tuition, which is classified as institutional funds, and is not appropriated to the institutions in the General Appropriations Act

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 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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