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TO: Honorable Brandon Creighton, Chair, Senate Committee on Education K-16

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB4848 by Harris Davila (Relating to requiring that competency-based baccalaureate degree programs be offered at certain public institutions of higher education.), **As Engrossed**

The fiscal implications of the bill cannot be determined due to the unknown number of fields of study in high demand for which a competency-based baccalaureate degree program would be required.

The bill would require the system administration of each university system to ensure that one or more institutions of higher education in the system offer competency-based baccalaureate degree programs in each field of study in high demand, as determined by the Higher Education Coordinating Board rule. The bill would prohibit such a competency-based baccalaureate degree program offered from exceeding a total cost to an enrolled student of an amount equal to one-half of the average cost of attendance at an institution of higher education and would establish a process for inflation-based adjustments of that cap.

While the fiscal impact for creating such a degree program would likely be insignificant, it cannot be determined due to the unknown number of fields of study in high demand for which a competency-based baccalaureate degree program would be required.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 710 Texas A&M University System Administrative and General Offices, 717 Texas Southern University, 719 Texas State Technical College System Administration, 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

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