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**TO:** Honorable Terry M. Wilson, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

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

**IN RE: HB5154** by Wilson (relating to the Joint Admission Medical Program Council.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for HB5154, Committee Report 1st House, Substituted: a negative impact of (\$1,334,989) through the biennium ending August 31, 2027.

General Revenue-Related Funds, Five- Year Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to<br><i>General Revenue Related Funds</i> |
|--------------------|--|
| 2026               | (\$652,603)  |
| 2027               | (\$682,386)  |
| 2028               | (\$692,918)  |
| 2029               | (\$703,705)  |
| 2030               | (\$714,756)  |

All Funds, Five-Year Impact:

| <i>Fiscal Year</i> | Probable Savings/(Cost) from<br><i>General Revenue Fund</i><br>1 | <i>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2025</i> |
|--------------------|--|---|
| 2026               | (\$652,603)  | 2.0   |
| 2027               | (\$682,386)  | 2.0   |
| 2028               | (\$692,918)  | 2.0   |
| 2029               | (\$703,705)  | 2.0   |
| 2030               | (\$714,756)  | 2.0   |

Fiscal Analysis

The bill would add additional goals and responsibilities of the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP), including providing mentoring, academic support, and counseling and relief services to program students, aligning statewide educational and workforce goals to increase jobs in the medical profession, and addressing statewide barriers to entry into medical school and participation for economically disadvantaged communities.

The bill would define responsibilities of the JAMP Council Chair and add additional responsibilities for the JAMP Council, including pursuing opportunities to increase scholarship funding allocated for participating students to at least 30 percent of total funding appropriated for the program without impeding on other program functions and goals. The bill would authorize the Council to seek to achieve the required level of scholarship funding by coordinating efforts with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) to request additional legislative appropriations, receiving gifts, grants, and donations, and collaborating with private foundations, corporations, and other entities to secure additional funding.

The bill would expand the information that must be included in the Council's biannual report and would require the Council to develop and maintain an online portal to allow students in the program to submit recommendations and complaints regarding the program. The bill would set requirements related to the review and sharing of such feedback.

### **Methodology**

According to The University of Texas System, which performs the JAMP Council's administrative functions, it would require an additional 2 FTEs to implement certain provisions of the bill, including a Compliance Coordinator to address additional reporting and posting requirements and a Development Officer to solicit funds for scholarships. Together the FTEs generate a total cost of \$276,103 in salary and benefits costs in FY 2026 which increase through FY 2030. Other costs related to the implementation of the bill include \$30,000 for an online hotline and reporting portal in FY 2026 with necessary increases in subsequent years; \$110,000 annually for outsourced mental health services; and \$236,500 for mentoring program stipends and Canvas implementation as a related platform, which increases to \$256,000 in subsequent years.

The System indicates that other requirements of the legislation could be absorbed within existing resources, and THECB has indicated that any additional costs related to the agency could be absorbed within existing resources.

### **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, 752 University of North Texas, 768 Texas Tech University System Administration, 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board

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