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**TO:** Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2504** by Kolkhorst (Relating to requiring a public institution of higher education to make available to the public on the institution's Internet website certain undergraduate course information.), **As Engrossed**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

Under provisions of the bill, each institution of higher education would be required to make available to the public on its website a course syllabus, a curriculum vitae of each regular instructor, and a departmental budget report for each undergraduate classroom course offered. The information must be accessible from the institution's website by use of not more than three links, searchable by keywords and phrases, and accessible to the public without requiring registration or use of user identification. The information must be available not later than the seventh day after the first day of classes, and must remain available on the institution's website for at least four years. The governing board of each institution will be required to designate an administrator to be responsible for ensuring implementation of these provisions.

Institutions of higher education would be required to submit a compliance report not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year. It is assumed that institutions have already implemented provisions of this bill or could do so within existing resources.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 781 Higher Education Coordinating Board, 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, 783 University of Houston System Administration

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