

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

C.S.H.B. 1817
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, the component institutions of the Texas State University System are near the caps for student fees for services. C.S.H.B. 1817 raises the cap for existing fees.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.5089, Education Code, by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(a) Authorizes the board of regents of the Texas State University System (TSUS) to charge each student registered at a component institution of TSUS a medical services fee not to exceed \$100, rather than \$55 for each semester of the regular term or summer session of 12 weeks or longer and not to exceed \$50, rather than \$25, for each summer session of less than 12 weeks.

(e) Authorizes the board of regents of TSUS, not more than once in an academic year, to increase the fee authorized by this section. Requires any fee increase to be approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general student election called for that purpose.

SECTION 2. Amends the heading to Section 54.511, Education Code, to read as follows:

Sec. 54.511. STUDENT FEES FOR BUS SERVICE; TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 54.511(b), Education Code, to provide that the total fee under this section may not exceed \$100, rather than \$46, per semester or \$50, rather than \$23, per summer term of six weeks or less.

SECTION 4. Amends Section 54.523(a), Education Code, to authorize the board of regents of TSUS to charge each student enrolled in a university or educational center under its authority a student center fee not to exceed \$100, rather than \$70, per semester or \$50, rather than \$35, per summer term of six weeks or less.

SECTION 5. Amends Sections 54.538(a) and (b), Education Code, as follows:

(a) Authorizes the board of regents of TSUS, with approval by student vote, to charge each student a recreational sports fee not to exceed \$100, rather than \$50, per semester or summer session of 10 weeks or longer or \$50, rather than \$25, per summer session of less than 10 weeks.

(b) Deletes a provision limiting an increase in the recreation fee to 10 percent from one academic year to the next.

SECTION 6. Provides that this Act applies beginning with the 2003 fall semester.

SECTION 7. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.