

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

There have been several lawsuits from students and faculty alleging that public universities are unfairly restricting free speech on campus. As proposed, S.B. 1332 prevents state institutions of higher education from over-regulating speech or assembly on campus.

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 Chapter 51G, Education Code, Section 51.352, by adding Subsection (g) to prohibit a governing board of a state institution of higher education from establishing a regulation of time, place and manner of speech and assembly that is more restrictive than necessary to protect normal academic and institutional activities.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.