Suspending limitations on conference committee jurisdiction, H.B. No. 3015

By: Shapiro S.R. No. 1034

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House Bill 3015, relating to the tuition and fees charged to students of institutions of higher education, to financial assistance funded by tuition, and to reports of availability and access by institutions of higher education, to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rules 12.03(1) and (4) are suspended to permit the conference committee to include the following text to the bill:

SECTION 2. Sections 54.0513(a) and (b), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) [The building use fee previously authorized in Section 55.16 of this code is redesignated as tuition.

[(b)] In addition to amounts that a governing board of an institution of higher education is authorized to charge as tuition under the other provisions of this chapter, the governing board, under the terms the governing board considers appropriate, may [is authorized to] charge any student an amount designated as tuition that the governing board considers necessary for the effective operation of the institution [in an academic year an amount not to exceed the amount charged under Sections 54.051 or 54.0512, as applicable, in that academic

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year].

Explanation: The change is necessary to permit public institutions of higher education to charge tuition at appropriate rates.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 17, Nays 13.

Secretary of the Senate