

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

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S.R. No. 1034

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

14 (a) ~~[The building use fee previously authorized in Section~~  
15 ~~55.16 of this code is redesignated as tuition.~~

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

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