1-1   By: Zaffirini   S.B. No. 32
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed November 8, 2004; January 31, 2005,
1-3   read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4   March 7, 2005, reported favorably to Committee on Education;
1-5   March 29, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-6   Substitute from Committee on Education by the following vote:
1-7   Yeas 7, Nays 0; March 29, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-8   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 32   By: Zaffirini

1-9   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-10   AN ACT
1-11   relating to certain special tuition rates at institutions of higher
1-12   education.
1-13   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-14   SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
1-15   amended by adding Section 54.0514 to read as follows:
1-16   Sec. 54.0514. SPECIAL SUMMER TUITION RATES. The governing
1-17   board of an institution of higher education may charge an
1-18   undergraduate student enrolled for a summer term or session at the
1-19   institution an amount of tuition that is less than the amount of
1-20   tuition otherwise charged under Section 54.0513, but not less than
1-21   one-half of that amount.
1-22   SECTION 2. Section 54.072, Education Code, is amended to
1-23   read as follows:
1-24   Sec. 54.072. FLAT RATE TUITION AND FEES [PILOT PROJECT].
1-25   (a) In this section:
1-26   (1) "Flat rate tuition and fees" means tuition and
1-27   fees that are charged in the same total amount to each student
1-28   included in the group of students subject to the flat rate tuition
1-29   and fees.
1-30   (2) "Tuition and fees"[, "tuition"] means all academic
1-31   program costs related to enrollment in an academic course or degree
1-32   program that are charged to a student, including all charges
1-33   designated as tuition, mandatory fees, and incidental fees. The
1-34   term does not include voluntary fees.
1-35   (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter,
1-36   the governing board of an institution of higher education [regents
1-37   of The University of Texas System] may charge flat rate [establish a
1-38   pilot project at The University of Texas at Austin involving not
1-39   more than two colleges or degree programs designated by the board of
1-40   regents under which the university charges the same amount of]
1-41   tuition and fees, in a different amount for each group, to each of
1-42   the following groups of [all undergraduate] students enrolled in a
1-43   college or degree program at the institution:
1-44   (1) all undergraduate resident students;
1-45   (2) all undergraduate nonresident students;
1-46   (3) all graduate resident students; and
1-47   (4) all graduate nonresident students [included in the
1-48   pilot project].
1-49   (c) The board [of regents] may not require a full-time
1-50   student who pays flat rate tuition and fees under this section [the
1-51   pilot project] to pay more tuition and fees than the average amount
1-52   of tuition and fees that a student [not included in the pilot
1-53   project] would pay for enrolling in the institution [university for
1-54   14 semester credit hours] for the same semester or term for:
1-55   (1) 14 semester credit hours if the student is an
1-56   undergraduate student; or
1-57   (2) nine semester credit hours if the student is a
1-58   graduate student.
1-59   [(d) The board of regents shall evaluate the effect of flat
1-60   rate tuition charged under the pilot project on the number of
1-61   semester credit hours taken by students included in the project
1-62   each semester. The board shall report the results of the evaluation
1-63   to the legislature not later than December 31, 2002, and December

2-1   ~~31, 2004.~~
2-2   [~~(e)   This section expires September 1, 2005.~~]
2-3   SECTION 3.   This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-4   a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-5   provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.   If this
2-6   Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-7   Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
2-8   legislative session.

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