

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 3578
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Higher Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The maximum amount of an emergency loan that a public institution of higher education may offer to an eligible student who is unable to pay tuition and mandatory fees is insufficient to cover certain education costs. H.B. 3578 seeks to remedy this by increasing the maximum amount of an emergency loan to include the cost of textbooks.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the governing board of each institution of higher education in SECTION 2 of this bill.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 3578 amends the Education Code to increase the maximum amount of an emergency loan made to a student by an institution of higher education to include the cost of textbooks for the courses in which the student is actually enrolling, in addition to the tuition and mandatory fees for such courses.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2011.