

Amend CSSB 778 (senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill, on page 1, line 23, strike "adding Section 54.05131" and substitute "adding Sections 54.05131 and 54.05132".

(2) At the end of SECTION 1 of the bill, immediately following added Section 54.05131, Education Code (page 3, between lines 8 and 9), add the following:

Sec. 54.05132. TEMPORARY LIMITATION ON TOTAL AMOUNT OF TUITION. (a) In this section:

(1) "General academic teaching institution" and "public state college" have the meanings assigned by Section 61.003.

(2) "Tuition" includes:

(A) tuition for which the rates are prescribed by this chapter; and

(B) tuition charged by an institution of higher education under Section 54.0513 or another law authorizing an institution to establish tuition rates.

(b) Notwithstanding Section 54.0513, the total amount of tuition charged by a general academic teaching institution other than a public state college to a student for the 2016-2017 or 2017-2018 academic year may not exceed by more than one percent the total amount of tuition that the institution would have charged under this chapter to a similarly situated student for the preceding academic year, as that amount is adjusted for each academic year for inflation as determined under Subsection (c). For purposes of this subsection, students are similarly situated if they share the same residency status, degree program, course load, course level, tuition exemption status, and other circumstances affecting the tuition charged to the student. This subsection does not ensure that the total amount of tuition charged to an individual student does not increase based on a change in the student's residency status, degree program, course load, course level, tuition exemption status, or other circumstance affecting the tuition charged to the student.

(c) Not later than January 31 of each year, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the Legislative Budget Board shall

publish and certify to the governing board of each institution to which this section applies the inflation rate to be used for purposes of this section for the next academic year. The inflation rate is the percentage increase, if any, as expressed in decimal form rounded to the nearest thousandth of one percent, in the consumer price index, as defined by Section 341.201, Finance Code, for the preceding calendar year as compared to the consumer price index for the year preceding that year.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2018.

(3) In SECTION 3 of the bill, on page 3, lines 41-44, strike "Tuition charged by an institution for an academic year before that academic year is covered by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose."