**BILL ANALYSIS**

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**AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Like almost all public institutions of higher education, Texas Southern University charges students an intercollegiate athletics fee. However, Texas Southern University is one of two public universities whose ability to charge students this fee requires legislative reauthorization every five years.

S.B. 1198 brings Texas Southern University on par with Texas' other public institutions of higher education and authorizes the continuation of the fee.

Support comes from Texas Southern University and its student government who voted in support of S.B. 1198. There is no known opposition at this time.

As proposed, S.B. 1198 amends current law relating to the intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas Southern University; and authorizes the continued imposition of a fee.

**RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

**SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Repealer: Section 54.5223(g) (relating to prohibiting Texas Southern University from imposing an athletics fee for more than five academic years unless certain conditions are met), Education Code.

Repealer: Section 54.5223(h) (relating to the expiration of Section 54.5223 (Intercollegiate Athletics Fee: Texas Southern University) on the next September 1 after the fifth academic year in which the fee is first charged unless certain conditions are met), Education Code.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.