

1-1 By: Murphy (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 4383
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 3, 2021;
 1-3 May 10, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 19, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14	X			
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1-16	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to providing information to undergraduate students
 1-20 regarding certain fixed or flat tuition rates provided by certain
 1-21 institutions of higher education.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 54.016, Education Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-25 (d) A general academic teaching institution that offers a
 1-26 fixed tuition rate program under this section shall provide
 1-27 information explaining the effect of the program on the calculation
 1-28 of a student's cost per credit hour, including the institution's
 1-29 current fixed tuition rate, and clearly describing the amount of
 1-30 tuition a student would pay for varying course loads covered by the
 1-31 program:

1-32 (1) to each transferring undergraduate student, at the
 1-33 time the student is offered the opportunity to participate in the
 1-34 institution's fixed tuition rate program;

1-35 (2) for a student enrolled in the institution's fixed
 1-36 tuition rate program, in materials or correspondence provided to
 1-37 the student each time the student registers for a semester or other
 1-38 term and in each tuition billing statement;

1-39 (3) on the institution's Internet website; and

1-40 (4) in any financial aid information provided to
 1-41 students.

1-42 SECTION 2. Section 54.017, Education Code, is amended by
 1-43 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

1-44 (h) An institution to which this section applies shall
 1-45 provide information explaining the effect of the fixed tuition
 1-46 price plan on the calculation of a student's cost per credit hour,
 1-47 including the institution's current fixed tuition rate, and clearly
 1-48 describing the amount of tuition a student would pay for varying
 1-49 course loads covered by the plan:

1-50 (1) to each entering undergraduate student, at the
 1-51 time the student is offered the opportunity to participate in the
 1-52 institution's fixed tuition price plan;

1-53 (2) for a student enrolled in the institution's fixed
 1-54 tuition price plan, in materials or correspondence provided to the
 1-55 student each time the student registers for a semester or other term
 1-56 and in each tuition billing statement;

1-57 (3) on the institution's Internet website; and

1-58 (4) in any financial aid information provided to
 1-59 students.

1-60 SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
 1-61 amended by adding Section 54.018 to read as follows:

2-1 Sec. 54.018. FLAT-RATE TUITION PLAN. (a) In this section,
2-2 "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by
2-3 Section 61.003.

2-4 (b) An institution of higher education that offers a
2-5 flat-rate tuition plan under which the institution charges a
2-6 student for a specified number of credit hours regardless of the
2-7 number of credit hours in which the student enrolls shall provide
2-8 information explaining the effect of the flat-rate tuition plan on
2-9 the calculation of a student's cost per credit hour, including the
2-10 institution's current flat rate of tuition, and clearly describing
2-11 the amount of tuition a student would pay for varying course loads
2-12 covered by the plan:

2-13 (1) to each entering undergraduate student;

2-14 (2) in materials or correspondence provided to the
2-15 student each time the student registers for a semester or other term
2-16 and in each tuition billing statement;

2-17 (3) on the institution's Internet website; and

2-18 (4) in any financial aid information provided to
2-19 students.

2-20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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