# **BILL ANALYSIS**

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# **DIGEST**

Currently, institutions of higher education may offer students an option to pay tuition by installments; however, junior colleges are not included in offering this option. For example, a student attending the University of Texas-Pan American could pay tuition in installments; but, a student attending South Texas Community College would not have this option. This bill will allow students at public junior colleges to pay tuition and fees in installments.

# **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 2747 allows students at public junior colleges to pay tuition and fees in installments.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

# **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 54.007(a) and (c), Education Code, to require the governing board of each institution of higher education, rather than each institution of higher education other than a junior college, to provide for the payment of tuition and fees during the fall and spring semesters through certain alternatives. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Provides that this Act takes effect beginning with tuition and fees imposed for the fall semester of 1997.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.