BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 3112
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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law prohibits deduction from the compensation paid to an officer or employee whose compensation is paid in full or in part from state funds unless the deduction is authorized by law. Several statutory provisions authorize certain payroll deductions, except for parking expenses. This bill authorizes institutions of higher education to provide for voluntary deduction from an employee's salary or wage payment for the payment of parking fees or for the purchase of a parking permit.

PURPOSE

As proposed, C.S.H.B. 3112 authorizes institutions of higher education to provide for voluntary deduction from an employee's salary or wage payment for the payment of parking fees or for the purchase of a parking permit.

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 Chapter 659, Government Code, by adding Subchapter J, as follows:

SUBCHAPTER J. PAYROLL DEDUCTION OF PARKING FEES AND PERMITS AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Sec. 659.201. DEFINITION. Defines "institution of higher education."

Sec. 659.202. DEDUCTION AUTHORIZED; USE OF FUNDS. Sets forth provisions authorizing an employee of an institution of higher education to authorize deductions from each pay period for the payment of parking fees or purchase of a parking permit. Authorizes funds collected under this section to be used only to provide parking facilities for employees of the institution.

Sec. 659.203. FORM AND MANNER. Requires a deduction under this subchapter to be made in a form and manner prescribed by the appropriate financial officer of the institution of higher education.

Sec. 659.204. CHANGE; DURATION. Sets forth provisions regarding changes and duration of authorization under this subchapter.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1.

Amends Section 659.202, Government Code, to authorize the use of funds to provide parking

facilities for employees of an institution of higher education.