

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, Texas law provides that tuition for the University of Houston College of Optometry may be three times the statutory undergraduate rate of tuition. A 1999 Coordinating Board study found that student to faculty ratios were high; and faculty salaries, tuition, and fees were low. The college would like to reduce the student to faculty ration and increase faculty salaries to a more competitive level. S.B. 1326 would authorize the University of Houston College of Optometry to increase tuition for optometry students.

PURPOSE

As proposed, S.B. 1326 amends tuition charge for students of optometry at the University of Houston College of Optometry.

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 Section 54.008(e), Education Code, to require the governing board of an institution of higher education to set tuition for an optometry program at the institution at a rate that is at least equal to the rate prescribed by Subchapter B of this chapter, but not more than four, rather than three, times the rate prescribed by Subchapter B of this chapter.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.