

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 467
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Committee Report (Substituted)

DIGEST AND PURPOSE

The Student Health Service of Texas Woman's University (university) provides ambulatory health care and preventative health services to students. Current law places a cap of \$30 on the amount the university may charge to students each semester for the medical services fee. The medical fee charged each semester by the university covers a majority of the Student Health Services annual expenses. The university expects an increase in health service costs due to such factors as the rising prices of medical supplies and pharmaceuticals and the need to fund state mandated adjustments in staff salaries. C.S.H.B. 467 increases the maximum amount of the medical services fee that may be charged each semester at the university.

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. Amends Sections 54.5085(a) and (b), Education Code, to increase the maximum allowed medical services fee the board of regent of Texas Woman's University (board) is authorized to charge each registered student from \$30 to \$55 for each semester of the regular term or 12-week summer session and from \$15 to \$25 for each six-week of shorter term of the summer session. Authorizes the board to increase the amount of the fee by an amount that is more than 10 percent of the amount imposed in the preceding academic year only if that increase is approved by a majority vote of those students of the university participating in a general election called for that purpose. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective to the 2001 fall semester.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2001.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

Amends Engrossed H.B. 467 by adding proposed text relating to the imposition of a fee increase.