

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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H.B. 2379  
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Subcommittee on Higher Education  
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Engrossed

### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, the The University of Texas at Dallas (UT-Dallas) assesses a recreation fee which is limited to \$40 for each student for a semester of the regular term or a 12-week summer session and \$26.67 for each student for an eight-week summer session. The current fee structure does not address increased utility costs and additional staffing needs based on usage and security demands. Nor does the current fee support a facility expansion. The student senate at UT-Dallas voted to hold an election to authorize the board of regents of The University of Texas System to levy a mandatory recreation fee, not to exceed \$65 for each student for a semester of the regular term or a 12-week or longer summer session, and \$43.33 for each student for a summer session of less than 12 weeks. The UT-Dallas student body voted to approve the measure. H.B. 2379 authorizes the board of regents of The University of Texas System to impose this fee structure.

### **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 54.544 (b) and (c), Education Code, as follows:

(b) Prohibits a recreational facility fee from exceeding \$65, rather than \$40, for each student for a semester of the regular term or a summer session of 12 weeks or longer, rather than 12 weeks, and from exceeding \$43.33, rather than 26.67, for each student for a summer session of less than 12 weeks, rather than an eight-week summer session.

(c) Prohibits a recreational facility fee from being charged or increased by more than 10 percent unless charging or increasing the fee is approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a general student election called for that purpose, or a majority vote of the legislative body of the institution's student government.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.