

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 1023
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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

In April 2000, a majority of voting students voted to increase the cap on the recreational sports fee at Texas A&M University. The current cap on the recreational sports fee is set at \$50. There is a projected need for additional funding for the university's student recreational center due to increased usage of the recreational facilities, anticipated increases in student worker minimum wages, and a growing budget. C.S.H.B. 1023 authorizes the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System to charge an increased maximum recreational sports fee.

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 Section 54.539, Education Code, to increase the maximum recreational sports fee the board of regents of the Texas A&M University System is authorized to charge students at system institutions from \$50 to \$100 for a semester or 12-week summer session and from \$25 to \$50 for a six-week summer session. Prohibits the recreational sports fee, rather than recreation fee, from being levied unless certain conditions exist. Prohibits the fee authorized by this section from being increased from one academic year to the next unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of the students at the affected institution participating in a general election called for that purpose. Prohibits the fee from exceeding the maximum amounts provided by this section.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective to a semester or term that begins on or after the effective date of this Act.

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

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE CHANGES

SECTION 1. Differs from the original by removing proposed text relating to the increase of the fee by more than 10 percent.