BILL ANALYSIS

AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law does not authorize the application of general deposits made by students at institutions of higher education toward balances other than those incurred in libraries or laboratories and does not provide time for institutions to determine whether students might enroll for another semester of classes before any refunds are made.

As proposed, S.B. 1233 authorizes a general deposit to be applied toward other balances and provides institutions time to identify all amounts owed by a student and to determine whether the student intends to enroll in another semester or summer session.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to any state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.502(a), Education Code, as follows:

> (a) Authorizes an institution of higher education to collect a reasonable deposit in an amount not to exceed $100 from each student to insure the institution against any losses, damages, and breakage for which the student is responsible and to cover any other amounts owed by the student to the institution, rather than losses, damages, and breakage in libraries and laboratories. Requires the institution to return to the student the deposit, less any such amounts owed to the institution by the student. Requires the deposit to be returned within a reasonable period after the date of the student's withdrawal or graduation from the institution, not to exceed 180 days, that provides the institution with sufficient time to identify all amounts owed and to determine that the student does not intend to enroll at the institution in the semester or summer session immediately following the student's withdrawal or gradation or, if the student withdraws or graduates in the spring semester, in the next fall semester. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2007.