

## CHAPTER 410

## H.B. No. 2281

## AN ACT

relating to student services fees at institutions of higher education.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 54.503(g), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(g) Prior to recommending the student fee budget to the governing board, the president of each institution shall duly consider the recommendations of a student fee advisory committee. A majority of the committee's members shall be students enrolled in the institution and appointed by the student governing body of the institution or elected by a majority of students enrolled in the institution voting in an election held for that purpose. Other committee members from the staff and faculty may be included and selected as the president sees fit. The regents may duly consider the matter of raising student fees in open meeting. Along with his own recommendations, the president may make known to the Board of Regents the student fee committee's recommendations. *If the president's recommendations to the board are substantially different from the student fees advisory committee's recommendations to the institution's administration, the administration shall notify the student fees advisory committee. The notice shall be given as soon as practicable, to provide the committee sufficient time to request that the committee be included on the agenda of the board's meeting at which the president's recommendations are to be considered and be permitted to comment on the committee's recommendations to the administration.* If the decision of the board differs from that of the student fee committee, the president shall ~~may~~ deliver to the student fee committee a written explanation of the board's decision within 30 days of that decision.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 22, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Aug. 31, 1987, 90 days after day of adjournment.