

- SUBJECT:** Providing information regarding certain college tuition rates
- COMMITTEE:** Higher Education — committee substitute recommended
- VOTE:** 8 ayes — Murphy, Pacheco, P. King, Ortega, Parker, Raney, C. Turner, J. Turner
- 0 nays
- 3 absent — Cortez, Frullo, Muñoz
- WITNESSES:** For — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Dana Harris, Austin Chamber of Commerce; Thomas Lindsay, TPPF)
- Against — None
- BACKGROUND:** Education Code secs. 54.016 and 54.017 contain provisions for fixed tuition rate plans at general academic teaching institutions.
- Interested parties note that students and their families should be made aware of the fixed-rate and flat-rate tuition options to help them compare costs and plan their college careers.
- DIGEST:** CSHB 4383 would require a general academic teaching institution, other than a public state college, with a fixed tuition price plan for entering undergraduate students and a general academic teaching institution that offered a fixed tuition rate program for certain transferring undergraduate students to provide information about the rate programs.
- The information would include the effect of the program on the calculation of a student's cost per credit hour, including the institution's current fixed tuition rate, and clearly describing the amount of tuition a student would pay for varying course loads covered by the program. It would have to be provided to each entering or transferring undergraduate student and in correspondence provided each time the student registered for a semester, on the institution's website, and in student financial aid

information.

The bill also would require a public institution of higher education that offered a flat-rate tuition plan under which the institution charged a student for a specified number of credit hours regardless of the number in which the student enrolled to provide information, including the current flat rate and the amount of tuition a student would pay for varying course loads covered by the plan. The information would have to be provided to each entering undergraduate student and in correspondence provided each time the student registered for a semester, on the institution's website, and in student financial aid information.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.