BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center

H.B. 3271 By: Berlanga (Truan) Finance 5-13-97 Engrossed

DIGEST

Currently, the student center complex at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi is too small to properly accommodate the needs of its student body. This bill will increase student center complex fees for institutions in the Texas A&M University System.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 3271 increases student center complex fees for institutions in the Texas A&M University System.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 54.521(a), Education Code, to authorize the board of regents of Texas A&M University to set fees in amounts it considers just and necessary but not to exceed \$40, rather than \$30, per student for each semester for the long session and not to exceed \$20, rather than \$15, per student for each term of the summer session, or any fractional part of a session.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 54.516, Education Code (Student Union Fees; East Texas State University).

SECTION 3. Provides that the amendment of Section 54.521(a), Education Code, made by this Act and the repeal of Section 54.516, Education Code, by this Act, apply only to fees levied at institutions within the Texas A&M University System beginning with the fall semester of 1997. Provides that fees that became due before that semester are governed by the law in effect at the time those fees became due, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.