

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

In 1995, the 74th Texas Legislature authorized the boards of public community colleges to waive tuition for high school students participating in concurrent enrollment programs. Since that time a limited number of districts have made the decision to provide the waiver. A reason for this limited participation by community colleges is that the 1995 statute provides for an all or nothing decision on granting the waiver. H.B. 1621 amends the statute to authorize community colleges to waive all or part of both tuition and fees, and clarifies that tuition and fees are eligible for waiver.

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 130.008(b) and (c), Education Code, as follows:

- (b) Authorizes a junior college to waive all or part of the tuition and fees for a high school student enrolled in a course for which the student may receive joint credit under this section. Makes a nonsubstantive change.
- (c) Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2003.