

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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C.S.S.B. 480  
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Committee Report (Substituted)

### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The University of Houston's student center fee has been used to help pay for the costs of construction and financing, operations, maintenance, and improvements throughout the years. S.B. 480 amends current statute to expand the purpose of the fee to include programming so that the university may use current funds specific to student programs and put them towards mental health services needs for the university's student population. This would increase funding for mental health services needs at the University of Houston.

The committee substitute to S.B. 480 takes out the repeal of Subsection (c) of Section 54.526 of the Education Code, which limits when the university can charge the fee after the fifth academic year.

C.S.S.B. 480 amends current law relating to the student union fee at the University of Houston.

### **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 54.526(a), Education Code, to include among the purposes for which the fee levied by the board of regents of the University of Houston System (UH) may be used, the purpose of providing programming at a Student Union Building for UH.

SECTION 2. Provides that Section 54.526(a), Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies to student fees imposed for a semester or term beginning before, on, or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2021.