

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 1193  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2021; March 18, 2021, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 29, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 29, 2021,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Creighton	X			
1-10	West	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Blanco	X			
1-13	Miles	X			
1-14	Paxton	X			
1-15	Springer	X			
1-16	Taylor	X			
1-17	Zaffirini	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1193 By: Springer

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to providing information to undergraduate students  
1-22 regarding certain fixed or flat tuition rates provided by certain  
1-23 institutions of higher education.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 54.016, Education Code, is amended by  
1-26 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

1-27 (d) A general academic teaching institution that offers a  
1-28 fixed tuition rate program under this section shall provide  
1-29 information explaining the effect of the program on the calculation  
1-30 of a student's cost per credit hour, including the institution's  
1-31 current fixed tuition rate, and clearly describing the amount of  
1-32 tuition a student would pay for varying course loads covered by the  
1-33 program:

1-34 (1) to each transferring undergraduate student, at the  
1-35 time the student is offered the opportunity to participate in the  
1-36 institution's fixed tuition rate program;

1-37 (2) for a student enrolled in the institution's fixed  
1-38 tuition rate program, in materials or correspondence provided to  
1-39 the student each time the student registers for a semester or other  
1-40 term and in each tuition billing statement;

1-41 (3) on the institution's Internet website; and

1-42 (4) in any financial aid information provided to  
1-43 students.

1-44 SECTION 2. Section 54.017, Education Code, is amended by  
1-45 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

1-46 (h) An institution to which this section applies shall  
1-47 provide information explaining the effect of the fixed tuition  
1-48 price plan on the calculation of a student's cost per credit hour,  
1-49 including the institution's current fixed tuition rate, and clearly  
1-50 describing the amount of tuition a student would pay for varying  
1-51 course loads covered by the plan:

1-52 (1) to each entering undergraduate student, at the  
1-53 time the student is offered the opportunity to participate in the  
1-54 institution's fixed tuition price plan;

1-55 (2) for a student enrolled in the institution's fixed  
1-56 tuition price plan, in materials or correspondence provided to the  
1-57 student each time the student registers for a semester or other term  
1-58 and in each tuition billing statement;

1-59 (3) on the institution's Internet website; and

1-60 (4) in any financial aid information provided to

students.

SECTION 3. Subchapter A, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.018 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.018. FLAT-RATE TUITION PLAN. (a) In this section, "institution of higher education" has the meaning assigned by Section 61.003.

(b) An institution of higher education that offers a flat-rate tuition plan under which the institution charges a student for a specified number of credit hours regardless of the number of credit hours in which the student enrolls shall provide information explaining the effect of the flat-rate tuition plan on the calculation of a student's cost per credit hour, including the institution's current flat rate of tuition, and clearly describing the amount of tuition a student would pay for varying course loads covered by the plan:

(1) to each entering undergraduate student;

(2) in materials or correspondence provided to the student each time the student registers for a semester or other term and in each tuition billing statement;

(3) on the institution's Internet website; and

(4) in any financial aid information provided to students.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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