
Postsecondary Education & Workforce Committee

HB 1485

Brief Description: Increasing the annual limit of services and activities fees at institutions of higher education.

Sponsors: Representatives Salahuddin, Pollet, Reed, Parshley, Nance and Scott.

<p style="text-align: center;">Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increases the maximum annual services and activities fees limit from four to six percent.

Hearing Date: 2/12/25

Staff: Saranda Ross (786-7068).

Background:

Services and activities (S&A) fees fund nonacademic student activities, programs, and projects, such as student government, entertainment, student organizations, speakers, facilities, and recreation. Governing boards at institutions of higher education may increase the S&A fees annually by amounts not to exceed four percent per year, judged reasonable and necessary by the S&A fee committee and the governing board.

The governing boards of the community and technical colleges may increase the S&A fees annually by a percentage not to exceed the annual percentage increase in student tuition fees for resident undergraduate students. The percentage increase may not apply to that portion of the S&A fees previously committed to the repayment of bonded debt. Those adjustments may exceed the fiscal growth factor.

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Each institution has a S&A fee committee, and students have a majority of the voting membership on the committee. Student groups and campus programs submit proposals to the S&A fee committee, which reviews the proposals and recommends how S&A fees should be allocated. The S&A fee committee recommends a final budget to the institution's governing board, which is required to give priority consideration to the committee's recommendations.

Summary of Bill:

The maximum annual S&A fees limit is increased from four to six percent.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 20, 2025.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.