

**SUBJECT:** Expanding the North Harris Montgomery Community College District

**COMMITTEE:** Higher Education — favorable, without amendment

**VOTE:** 6 ayes — Morrison, Chavez, Giddings, J. Jones, Mercer, Smithee  
0 nays  
2 absent — F. Brown, Nixon

**WITNESSES:** For — None  
Against — None

**BACKGROUND:** Education Code, sec. 130.191 specifies that the North Harris Montgomery Community College District includes 13 school districts in Harris County and two districts in Walker County.

**DIGEST:** HB 1316 would add the territory within the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District to the service area of the North Harris Montgomery Community College District.  
  
This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2003.

**SUPPORTERS SAY:** HB 1316 would codify in statute the inclusion of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD in the North Harris Montgomery County Community College District, a decision that was approved by local voters in August, 2000. Cypress-Fairbanks currently is not assigned to any community college service area, but residents have paid in-district tuition since the August referendum. HB 1316 would make it clear in statute that these students are entitled to in-district tuition.

**OPPONENTS SAY:** No apparent opposition.

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**NOTES:** The companion bill, SB 437 by Lindsay, passed the Senate by 30-0 on March 25 and was reported favorably, without amendment, by the House Higher Education Committee on April 30, making it eligible for consideration in lieu of HB 1316.