

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Currently, payroll deductions from officers or employees who are compensated from state funds are prohibited unless the deductions are authorized by law. There is statutory mechanism by which an employee of an institution of higher education can contribute through payroll deductions to a university fund-raising drive or foundation. H.B. 368 provides that an employee of an institution of higher education may authorize a salary or wage payment deduction each pay period for a charitable contribution to that institution or to any non-profit organization whose purpose is to support the programs of that institution of higher education.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 368 authorizes payroll deductions for employees of institutions of higher education.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 51Z, Education Code, by adding Section 51.946, as follows:

Sec. 51.946. PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS. Authorizes an employee of an institution of higher education to authorize a deduction each pay period from the employee's salary or wage payments for certain contributions. Requires a nonprofit organization, to be eligible to receive charitable contributions under this section, to comply with the rules adopted under Section 2255.001, Government Code, by the institution of higher education the organization supports. Requires an institution of higher education to establish procedures to enable an employee of the institution to authorize a deduction under this section. Defines "institution of higher education."

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.