

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

Senate Research Center

S.B. 979  
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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Midwestern State University Health Center is staffed by a full-time registered nurse, full-time licensed vocational nurse, and a part-time doctor who works five hours a week. The Student Government Association, through the representative student senate, voted unanimously to request the administration to proceed with the protocol to provide a full-time doctor on the campus. S.B. 979 authorizes the adoption of a fee to be used to provide medical services to students at Midwestern State University.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 979 authorizes the adoption of a fee to be used to provide medical services to students at Midwestern State University.

### **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 Chapter 54E, Education Code, by adding Section 54.5082, as follows:

Sec. 54.508. MEDICAL SERVICES FEE; MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY. Authorizes the board of regents of Midwestern State University to charge each student registered at the university a medical services fee not to exceed \$30 for each semester of the regular term or 12-week summer session and not to exceed \$15 for each six-week or shorter term of the summer session. Prohibits the compulsory medical services fee from being levied unless the levy of the fee has been approved by a majority vote of those students at Midwestern State University participating in a general student election called for that purpose. Provides that if, in an academic year, the total compulsory fee charged under this section is more than 10 percent higher than the compulsory fee charged under this section for the previous academic year, the increase does not take effect unless it is approved by a majority vote of the students voting in an election held for that purpose. Authorizes a medical services fee charged under this section to be used only to provide medical services to students registered at the university. Provides that a medical services fee charged under this section is in addition to any other fee the board is authorized by law to charge.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.

Effective date: upon passage.