

HB 905 -- HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION

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For any year in which a public higher education institution increases student tuition rates from the previous year, 33% of the increase must be designated for faculty improvement. Beginning in the 2015-2016 academic year, the tuition charged to a qualifying student cannot exceed the amount that the student was charged at the time he or she first enrolled in the qualifying institution during the five continuous academic years after enrollment, excluding summer session classes. The qualifying student's tuition must remain the same for the customary amount of time required to complete the student's degree program as determined by the qualifying institution. If the qualifying student changes majors during the time period, his or her tuition must equal the amount he or she would have been assessed had he or she been admitted to the changed major program when he or she first enrolled in the institution. Undergraduates with locked-in rates who pursue a higher degree must lock in tuition rates as of the first semester of their graduate studies, and the previous undergraduate locked-in tuition no longer applies.