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In the most recent State of Higher Education report, we learn that Texas academic fees have increased by 90 percent over the past decade—and that there may be no end in sight. The culprits? Chief among them is administrative bloat.

I've encountered the problem firsthand – and as a recent college graduate, the memory is fresh. One summer before graduation, I had reached my limit with class hours -and, as it turned out, a little beyond it. A sympathetic professor threw me a lifeline: I just had to talk to a few administrators, drop his class, and reenroll in the fall.

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