

1-1 By: West S.B. No. 696  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 3, 2023; February 17, 2023,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 April 24, 2023, reported favorably from Committee on Education by  
 1-5 the following vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0; April 24, 2023, sent to  
 1-6 printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-22 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-23 AN ACT

1-24 relating to student buildings fees at The University of Texas at  
 1-25 Dallas.

1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-27 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 54.531, Education Code,  
 1-28 is amended to read as follows:

1-29 Sec. 54.531. STUDENT UNION BUILDINGS [BUILDING] FEES; THE  
 1-30 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS.

1-31 SECTION 2. Section 54.531, Education Code, is amended by  
 1-32 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to  
 1-33 read as follows:

1-34 (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System  
 1-35 may levy a student union fee, not to exceed \$100 [~~\$60~~] per student  
 1-36 for each regular semester and not to exceed \$50 [~~\$40~~] per student  
 1-37 for each term of the summer session, for the sole purpose of  
 1-38 financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving [a]  
 1-39 student union buildings [building] for The University of Texas at  
 1-40 Dallas.

1-41 (a-1) The amount of the fee levied under this section may  
 1-42 not be increased to an amount that exceeds by 10 percent or more the  
 1-43 amount of the fee levied during the preceding academic year [~~+~~  
 1-44 ~~provided, however, that the fee may not be increased above \$40 per~~  
 1-45 ~~student for each regular semester and \$26.67 per student for each~~  
 1-46 ~~term of the summer session] unless the increase is approved by a~~  
 1-47 majority vote of [those] students enrolled at the university  
 1-48 participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

1-49 (a-2) The fee [fees herein] authorized to be levied under  
 1-50 this section is [are] in addition to any use or service fee [~~now or~~  
 1-51 ~~hereafter~~] authorized to be levied.

1-52 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 54.5312, Education Code,  
 1-53 is amended to read as follows:

1-54 Sec. 54.5312. STUDENT SERVICES BUILDINGS [BUILDING] FEE;  
 1-55 THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS.

1-56 SECTION 4. Section 54.5312(a), Education Code, is amended  
 1-57 to read as follows:

1-58 (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System  
 1-59 may impose on each student enrolled at The University of Texas at  
 1-60 Dallas a student services buildings [building] fee for the sole  
 1-61 purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and

2-1 improving [a] student services buildings [~~building~~] at the  
2-2 university.

2-3 SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply  
2-4 beginning with fees imposed for the 2024 fall semester.

2-5 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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