

1-1 By: Luna, Seaman (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1055  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 31, 2003;  
1-3 April 3, 2003, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on  
1-4 Higher Education; April 24, 2003, reported favorably to the  
1-5 Committee on Education by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0;  
1-6 April 28, 2003, reported favorably from the Committee on Education  
1-7 by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 28, 2003, sent to  
1-8 printer.)

1-9 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-10 AN ACT

1-11 relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M  
1-12 University--Corpus Christi.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
1-15 amended by adding Section 54.5391 to read as follows:

1-16 Sec. 54.5391. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; TEXAS A&M  
1-17 UNIVERSITY--CORPUS CHRISTI. (a) The board of regents of The Texas  
1-18 A&M University System may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee  
1-19 on each student enrolled at Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi.  
1-20 The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority vote of the  
1-21 students participating in a general student election held at the  
1-22 university for that purpose.

1-23 (b) The amount of the fee may not exceed \$8 per semester  
1-24 credit hour for each semester or summer session, unless the amount  
1-25 is increased as provided by Subsection (c).

1-26 (c) The amount of the fee per semester credit hour may be  
1-27 increased from one academic year to the next only if approved by a  
1-28 majority vote of the students participating in a general student  
1-29 election held for that purpose or, if the amount of the increase  
1-30 does not exceed five percent, by a majority vote of the legislative  
1-31 body of the student government of the university.

1-32 (d) A student enrolled in more than 13 semester credit hours  
1-33 shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a  
1-34 student enrolled in 13 semester credit hours during the same  
1-35 semester or session.

1-36 (e) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop  
1-37 and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the  
1-38 university.

1-39 (f) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any  
1-40 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining  
1-41 the maximum amount of student services fees that may be imposed  
1-42 under Section 54.503(b).

1-43 (g) If the imposition of a mandatory intercollegiate  
1-44 athletics fee as described by this section was approved by a  
1-45 majority vote of the students of the university participating in a  
1-46 general student election held on or after January 1, 2002, the board  
1-47 of regents may impose the fee as prescribed by the results of the  
1-48 election without calling an additional election. This subsection  
1-49 expires January 1, 2005.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003 fall  
1-51 semester.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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