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H.B. No. 1649

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to student fees charged at The University of Texas at San  
3 Antonio.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Sections 54.5321 and 54.5322 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.5321. TRANSPORTATION FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
8 AT SAN ANTONIO. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas  
9 System may impose on each student enrolled at The University of  
10 Texas at San Antonio a transportation fee not to exceed \$50 for each  
11 regular semester and not to exceed \$25 for each term of the summer  
12 session, for the sole purpose of financing transportation services,  
13 including capital expenses, for students attending The University  
14 of Texas at San Antonio. The fee is in addition to any other use fee  
15 or service fee authorized by law. The fee may not be imposed unless  
16 the fee is approved by a majority vote of the students participating  
17 in a general student election held for that purpose.

18 (b) The board may not increase the amount of the  
19 transportation fee by more than 10 percent in any academic year  
20 unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority vote of  
21 the students participating in a general student election held for  
22 that purpose.

23 (c) Revenue from the fee shall be deposited to an account  
24 known as The University of Texas at San Antonio Transportation Fee

1 Account and shall be expended in accordance with a budget submitted  
2 to and approved by the board. The board shall make any changes in  
3 the budget the board considers necessary before approving the  
4 budget and shall impose the fee, within the limits provided by this  
5 section, in an amount sufficient to meet the budget as approved.

6 (d) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered  
7 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may  
8 be charged under Section 54.503.

9 (e) The university shall hold in reserve any fee revenue  
10 that exceeds the amount necessary to meet the current expenses of  
11 the transportation services and shall apply that revenue only to  
12 future expenses of the transportation services.

13 Sec. 54.5322. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; THE  
14 UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO. (a) The board of regents of The  
15 University of Texas System may impose a mandatory intercollegiate  
16 athletics fee on each student enrolled at The University of Texas at  
17 San Antonio. The amount of the fee may not exceed \$7 per semester  
18 credit hour for each regular semester, not to exceed a total of \$84  
19 per semester, unless the amount is increased by the board, subject  
20 to the limitation provided by Subsection (b). The fee may not be  
21 imposed unless approved by a majority vote of the students  
22 participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

23 (b) The board may not increase the amount of the fee by more  
24 than 10 percent in any academic year unless the amount of the  
25 increase is approved by a majority vote of the students  
26 participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

27 (c) The board may prorate the amount of the fee for a summer

1 session.

2 (d) The fee imposed under this section may not be considered  
3 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may  
4 be imposed under Section 54.503.

5 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
6 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the  
7 effective date of this Act.

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