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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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- 2 relating to student fees at institutions in the Texas State
- 3 University System.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 54.5089(a), Education Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (a) The board of regents of the Texas State University
- 8 System may charge each student registered at a component
- 9 institution of the Texas State University System a medical services
- 10 fee not to exceed \$100 [\$55] for each semester of the regular term
- or [<del>12-week</del>] summer session of 12 weeks or longer and not to exceed
- 12 \$50 [\$25] for each [six-week or shorter term of the] summer session
- of less than 12 weeks.
- 14 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 54.511, Education Code,
- is amended to read as follows:
- 16 Sec. 54.511. STUDENT FEES FOR BUS SERVICE; TEXAS STATE
- 17 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM [SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY].
- SECTION 3. Section 54.511(b), Education Code, is amended to
- 19 read as follows:
- 20 (b) Not more than once in an academic year, the board may
- 21 increase the fee authorized in Subsection (a) of this section for
- 22 the purpose of covering increased operating costs of the bus
- 23 service. Any increase in the fee must be approved by a majority
- vote of those students participating in a general election called

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- for that purpose. However, the total fee may not exceed  $\frac{$100}{}$
- 2 per semester or \$50 [\$23] per [six-week] summer term of six weeks or
- 3 less.
- 4 SECTION 4. Section 54.523(a), Education Code, is amended to
- 5 read as follows:
- 6 (a) To the extent approved by the students under Subsection
- 7 (b) of this section, the board of regents of the Texas State
- 8 University System may charge each student enrolled in a university
- 9 or educational center under its authority a student center fee not
- to exceed \$100 [\$70] per semester or \$50 [\$35] per [\$ix-week] summer
- 11 term of six weeks or less to be used to construct, operate,
- 12 maintain, improve, and program a student center at the university
- or educational center at which the student is enrolled.
- SECTION 5. Section 54.538(a), Education Code, is amended to
- 15 read as follows:
- 16 (a) If approved by student vote at a system institution, the
- 17 Board of Regents, Texas State University System, may charge each
- 18 student enrolled at such institution a recreational sports fee not
- 19 to exceed \$100 [\$50] per semester or [10-week] summer session of 10
- 20 <u>weeks or longer</u> or \$50 [\$25] per [five-week] summer session of less
- 21 than 10 weeks. The fee may be used to purchase equipment for and to
- 22 construct, operate, and maintain recreational sports facilities
- 23 and programs at the designated institution.
- 24 SECTION 6. This Act applies beginning with the 2003 fall
- 25 semester.
- 26 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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- 1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 3 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.