

AN ACT

relating to student fees at institutions in the Texas State University System.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.5089, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) The board of regents of the Texas State University System may charge each student registered at a component institution of the Texas State University System a medical services fee not to exceed \$100 [~~\$55~~] for each semester of the regular term or [~~12-week~~] summer session of 12 weeks or longer and not to exceed \$50 [~~\$25~~] for each [~~six-week or shorter term of the~~] summer session of less than 12 weeks.

(e) Not more than once in an academic year, the board may increase the fee authorized by this section. Any increase in the fee of more than 10 percent must be approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general student election called for that purpose.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 54.511, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.511. STUDENT FEES FOR BUS SERVICE; TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM [~~SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY~~].

SECTION 3. Section 54.511(b), Education Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 (b) Not more than once in an academic year, the board may
3 increase the fee authorized in Subsection (a) of this section for
4 the purpose of covering increased operating costs of the bus
5 service. Any increase in the fee must be approved by a majority
6 vote of those students participating in a general election called
7 for that purpose. However, the total fee may not exceed \$100 [~~\$46~~]
8 per semester or \$50 [~~\$23~~] per [~~six-week~~] summer term of six weeks or
9 less.

10 SECTION 4. Section 54.523(a), Education Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (a) To the extent approved by the students under Subsection
13 (b) of this section, the board of regents of the Texas State
14 University System may charge each student enrolled in a university
15 or educational center under its authority a student center fee not
16 to exceed \$100 [~~\$70~~] per semester or \$50 [~~\$35~~] per [~~six-week~~] summer
17 term of six weeks or less to be used to construct, operate,
18 maintain, improve, and program a student center at the university
19 or educational center at which the student is enrolled.

20 SECTION 5. Section 54.538(a), Education Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (a) If approved by student vote at a system institution, the
23 Board of Regents, Texas State University System, may charge each
24 student enrolled at such institution a recreational sports fee not
25 to exceed \$100 [~~\$50~~] per semester or [~~10-week~~] summer session of 10
26 weeks or longer or \$50 [~~\$25~~] per [~~five-week~~] summer session of less
27 than 10 weeks. The fee may be used to purchase equipment for and to

1 construct, operate, and maintain recreational sports facilities
2 and programs at the designated institution.

3 SECTION 6. This Act applies beginning with the 2003 fall
4 semester.

5 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1817 was passed by the House on April 30, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 122, Nays 6, 3 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1817 on May 29, 2003, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1817 on June 1, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 1817

I certify that H.B. No. 1817 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 1817 on June 1, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor