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H.B. No. 1817

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain fees for students attending institutions in the  
3 Texas State University System.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 54.5089, 54.511, 54.523, and 54.538 of  
6 the Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

7 54.5089. MEDICAL SERVICES FEE; TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
8 SYSTEM COMPONENTS. (a) The board of regents of the Texas State  
9 University System may charge each student registered at a component  
10 institution of the Texas State University System a medical service  
11 fee not to exceed \$100 [~~\$55~~] for each semester of the regular term  
12 or 12-week summer session and not to exceed \$50 [~~\$25~~] for each  
13 six-week or shorter term of the summer session.

14 (b) Before charging a medical services fee, the board must  
15 give students and administrators an opportunity to offer  
16 recommendations to the board as to the type and scope of medical  
17 services that should be provided.

18 (c) A medical services fee charged at a component  
19 institution of the Texas State University System may be used only to  
20 provide medical services to students registered at that component  
21 institution.

22 (d) A medical services fee charged under this section is in  
23 addition to any other fee the board is authorized by law to charge  
24 and may not be considered in determining the maximum student

1 services fee that may be charged students enrolled at a component  
2 institution of the Texas State University System under Section  
3 54.503(b) of this code.

4 54.511. STUDENT FEES FOR BUS SERVICE; TEXAS STATE  
5 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM [~~SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY~~]. (b) Not  
6 more than once in an academic year, the board may increase the fee  
7 authorized in Subsection (a) of this section for the purpose of  
8 covering increased operating costs of the bus service. Any  
9 increase in the fee must be approved by a majority vote of those  
10 students participating in a general election called for that  
11 purpose. However, the total fee may not exceed \$100 [~~\$46~~] per  
12 semester or \$50 [~~\$23~~] per six-week summer term.

13 54.523. STUDENT CENTER FEES; TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
14 SYSTEM. (a) To the extent approved by the students under  
15 Subsection (b) of this section, the board of regents of the Texas  
16 State University System may charge each student enrolled in a  
17 university or educational center under its authority a student  
18 center fee not to exceed \$100 [~~\$70~~] per semester or \$50 [~~\$35~~] per  
19 six-week summer term to be used to construct, operate, maintain,  
20 improve, and program a student center at the university or  
21 educational center at which the student is enrolled.

22 54.538. RECREATIONAL SPORTS FEE; TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
23 SYSTEM. (a) If approved by student vote at a system institution,  
24 the Board of Regents, Texas State University System, may charge  
25 each student enrolled at such institution a recreational sports fee  
26 not to exceed \$100 [~~\$50~~] per semester or 10-week summer session or  
27 \$50 [~~\$25~~] per five-week summer session. The fee may be used to

1 purchase equipment for and to construct, operate, and maintain  
2 recreational sports facilities and programs at the designated  
3 institution.

4 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the fall  
5 semester of 2003.

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