

1-1 By: Ritter (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.B. No. 1817
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 1, 2003;
1-3 May 6, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Education; May 22, 2003, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
1-6 May 22, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1817 By: West

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to student fees at institutions in the Texas State
1-11 University System.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 54.5089, Education Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
1-15 follows:

1-16 (a) The board of regents of the Texas State University
1-17 System may charge each student registered at a component
1-18 institution of the Texas State University System a medical services
1-19 fee not to exceed \$100 [~~\$55~~] for each semester of the regular term
1-20 or [~~12-week~~] summer session of 12 weeks or longer and not to exceed
1-21 \$50 [~~\$25~~] for each [~~six-week or shorter term of the~~] summer session
1-22 of less than 12 weeks.

1-23 (e) Not more than once in an academic year, the board may
1-24 increase the fee authorized by this section. Any increase in the
1-25 fee must be approved by a majority vote of those students
1-26 participating in a general student election called for that
1-27 purpose.

1-28 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 54.511, Education Code,
1-29 is amended to read as follows:

1-30 Sec. 54.511. STUDENT FEES FOR BUS SERVICE; TEXAS STATE
1-31 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM [~~SOUTHWEST TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY~~].

1-32 SECTION 3. Section 54.511(b), Education Code, is amended to
1-33 read as follows:

1-34 (b) Not more than once in an academic year, the board may
1-35 increase the fee authorized in Subsection (a) of this section for
1-36 the purpose of covering increased operating costs of the bus
1-37 service. Any increase in the fee must be approved by a majority
1-38 vote of those students participating in a general election called
1-39 for that purpose. However, the total fee may not exceed \$100 [~~\$46~~]
1-40 per semester or \$50 [~~\$23~~] per [~~six-week~~] summer term of six weeks or
1-41 less.

1-42 SECTION 4. Section 54.523(a), Education Code, is amended to
1-43 read as follows:

1-44 (a) To the extent approved by the students under Subsection
1-45 (b) of this section, the board of regents of the Texas State
1-46 University System may charge each student enrolled in a university
1-47 or educational center under its authority a student center fee not
1-48 to exceed \$100 [~~\$70~~] per semester or \$50 [~~\$35~~] per [~~six-week~~] summer
1-49 term of six weeks or less to be used to construct, operate,
1-50 maintain, improve, and program a student center at the university
1-51 or educational center at which the student is enrolled.

1-52 SECTION 5. Sections 54.538(a) and (b), Education Code, are
1-53 amended to read as follows:

1-54 (a) If approved by student vote at a system institution, the
1-55 Board of Regents, Texas State University System, may charge each
1-56 student enrolled at such institution a recreational sports fee not
1-57 to exceed \$100 [~~\$50~~] per semester or [~~10-week~~] summer session of 10
1-58 weeks or longer or \$50 [~~\$25~~] per [~~five-week~~] summer session of less
1-59 than 10 weeks. The fee may be used to purchase equipment for and to
1-60 construct, operate, and maintain recreational sports facilities
1-61 and programs at the designated institution.

1-62 (b) The recreation fee authorized by this section may not be
1-63 increased [~~more than 10 percent from one academic year to the next~~]

2-1 unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of those
2-2 students at the affected institution participating in a general
2-3 student election called for that purpose. The fee may not exceed
2-4 the amounts provided by Subsection (a).

2-5 SECTION 6. This Act applies beginning with the 2003 fall
2-6 semester.

2-7 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-11 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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