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H.B. No. 2457

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M  
3 University--Kingsville.

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 Section 54.5392 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.5392. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; TEXAS A&M  
8 UNIVERSITY--KINGSVILLE. (a) The board of regents of The Texas A&M  
9 University System may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee on  
10 each student enrolled at Texas A&M University--Kingsville. The fee  
11 may not be imposed unless approved by a majority vote of the  
12 students participating in a general student election held at the  
13 university for that purpose.

14 (b) The amount of the fee may not exceed \$12 per semester  
15 credit hour for each semester or summer session, unless the amount  
16 is increased as provided by Subsection (c).

17 (c) The amount of the fee per semester credit hour may be  
18 increased from one academic year to the next only if approved by a  
19 majority vote of the students participating in a general student  
20 election held for that purpose or, if the amount of the increase  
21 does not exceed five percent, by a majority vote of the legislative  
22 body of the student government of the university.

23 (d) A student enrolled in more than 13 semester credit hours  
24 shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a

1 student enrolled in 13 semester credit hours during the same  
2 semester or session.

3 (e) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop  
4 and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the  
5 university.

6 (f) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any  
7 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining  
8 the maximum amount of student services fees that may be imposed  
9 under Section 54.503(b).

10 (g) If the imposition of a mandatory intercollegiate  
11 athletics fee as described by this section was approved by a  
12 majority vote of the students of the university participating in a  
13 general student election held on or after January 1, 2002, the board  
14 of regents may impose the fee as prescribed by the results of the  
15 election without calling an additional election. This subsection  
16 expires January 1, 2005.

17 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2003 fall  
18 semester.

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