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S.B. No. 318

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a fee to fund women's athletic programs of The University of Texas System.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 65, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 65.48 to read as follows:

Sec. 65.48. SUPPORT OF WOMEN'S ATHLETICS. (a) The board shall impose a fee of \$1 to be added to the admission charge for any intercollegiate athletic event held on the campus of or on other property under the control of any component institution of higher education of the system.

(b) The board shall adopt rules relating to the collection and administration of the fee imposed under this section.

(c) The money collected from the fee must be used by the system to support women's athletics at component institutions of the system.

(d) The board shall distribute the money collected under this section among the component institutions in proportion to the number of women competing in intercollegiate athletics at each of those institutions.

(e) Money distributed to an institution under this section may be used by the institution for scholarships, equipment, facilities, travel, lodging, or training for women's intercollegiate athletics at the institution.

1        (f) An institution may not reduce the amount of other money  
2 the institution spends to support women's intercollegiate  
3 athletics as a result of the institution's receipt of money under  
4 this section.

5        SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
6 applies only to a ticket sale or other admission charge to an  
7 intercollegiate athletic event if the ticket sale is made or the  
8 admission charge is collected on or after the effective date of this  
9 Act.