

AN ACT

relating to student union fees at component institutions of the Texas Tech University System.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5241 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5241. STUDENT UNION FEES; TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The board of regents of the Texas Tech University System may impose a fee in a fixed amount on each student enrolled in a component institution of the Texas Tech University System for the purpose of providing revenue for financing, operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping student union facilities or for acquiring or constructing additions to those facilities.

(b) The board of regents may change the amount of the fee imposed at an institution as necessary to provide sufficient funds for the student union but may not increase the amount of the fee by more than 10 percent unless the amount of the increase is approved by:

(1) a majority of the students of the institution voting in a general student election held for that purpose; or

(2) a majority vote of the legislative body of the student government of the institution.

(c) The board of regents may prorate the amount of the fee imposed at an institution based on the length of the semester or

1 term for which a student enrolls.

2 (d) The fiscal officer of each institution shall collect the  
3 fees imposed under this section at the institution and shall credit  
4 the money received from the fees to an account known as the student  
5 union account. The money in the account may be used only for the  
6 purposes provided by Subsection (a) and shall be placed under the  
7 control of and subject to the order of the advisory board of the  
8 institution's student union. The advisory board shall annually  
9 submit a complete and itemized budget accompanied by a full and  
10 complete report of all activities conducted during the year and all  
11 expenditures made in connection with those activities. The board  
12 of regents shall make the changes in the budget as the board of  
13 regents considers necessary before approving the budget and shall  
14 impose the fees in an amount sufficient to meet the budgetary needs  
15 of the student union, subject to Subsection (b).

16 (e) The board of regents may pledge the fees imposed under  
17 this section to pay obligations issued for authorized purposes  
18 pursuant to the revenue financing system of the Texas Tech  
19 University System.

20 (f) Student union fees imposed under this section are in  
21 addition to any other fee the board of regents is authorized by law  
22 to impose and may not be considered in determining the maximum  
23 student services fee that may be imposed under Section 54.503(b).

24 SECTION 2. Section 54.524, Education Code, is repealed  
25 effective September 1, 2004.

26 SECTION 3. (a) Section 54.5241, Education Code, as added  
27 by this Act, takes effect beginning with the 2004 fall semester.

1           (b) Except as otherwise provided by this subsection,  
2 student fees imposed under Section 54.524, Education Code, before  
3 the 2004 fall semester are governed by the law in effect when the  
4 fees were imposed, and the former law is continued in effect for  
5 that purpose. Revenue in the University Center account at a  
6 component institution of the Texas Tech University System at the  
7 beginning of the 2004 fall semester shall be transferred to the  
8 credit of the student union account established at the institution  
9 under Section 54.5241, Education Code, as added by this Act.

10           (c) For purposes of determining the amount of a fee that may  
11 be imposed at Texas Tech University under Section 54.5241,  
12 Education Code, as added by this Act, in the 2004-2005 academic  
13 year, the amount of the fee imposed in the 2003-2004 academic year  
14 under Section 54.524, Education Code, at the university is treated  
15 as if that fee were imposed under Section 54.5241, Education Code.

16           (d) For purposes of determining the amount of a fee that may  
17 be imposed at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center under  
18 Section 54.5241, Education Code, as added by this Act, in the  
19 2004-2005 academic year, the amount of the fee imposed in the 2004  
20 summer semester under Section 54.515, Education Code, at the health  
21 sciences center is treated as if that fee were imposed under Section  
22 54.5241, Education Code.

23           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1367 passed the Senate on  
May 19, 2003, by a viva-voce vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1367 passed the House on  
May 28, 2003, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor