

1-1 By: Janek S.B. No. 1546
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1546 By: Janek

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

1-10 relating to laboratory and certain other related fees for public
1-11 junior colleges.

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

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 54.501, Education Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
1-15 follows:

1-16 (a) An institution of higher education shall set and collect
1-17 a laboratory fee [~~charge~~] in an amount sufficient to cover [~~in~~
1-18 ~~general~~] the general cost of laboratory materials and supplies used
1-19 by a student. An [~~For an~~] institution other than a public junior
1-20 college may [~~, the laboratory~~] charge a laboratory fee in an amount
1-21 that is [~~shall be~~] not less than \$2 nor more than \$30 for any one
1-22 semester or summer term for a [~~any~~] student in any one laboratory
1-23 course, except that the amount of the laboratory fee may [~~but~~
1-24 ~~shall~~] not exceed the cost of actual materials and supplies used by
1-25 the student. A [~~For a~~] public junior college may [~~, the laboratory~~]
1-26 charge a laboratory fee in an amount that does not exceed the lesser
1-27 of [~~shall be not more than~~] \$24 per semester credit hour of
1-28 laboratory course credit for which the [~~any one semester or summer~~
1-29 ~~term for any~~] student is enrolled or [~~in any one laboratory course,~~
1-30 ~~but shall not exceed~~] the cost of actual materials and supplies used
1-31 by the student.

1-32 (c) The governing board of a public junior college may set
1-33 and collect a fee per contact hour, not to exceed \$4, for each
1-34 person registered in an aerospace mechanics certification course
1-35 where the fee is required to offset that portion of the cost of the
1-36 course, including the cost of equipment and of professional
1-37 instruction or tutoring, that is not covered by state funding or by
1-38 the fee in Subsection (a).

1-39 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-40 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the
1-41 effective date of this Act.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-43 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-44 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-45 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-46 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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