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H.B. No. 598

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a recreational sports fee at Stephen F. Austin State
3 University.

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 54.5201 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.5201. RECREATIONAL SPORTS FEE; STEPHEN F. AUSTIN
8 STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of Stephen F. Austin
9 State University may charge each student enrolled at the university
10 a recreational sports fee not to exceed \$120 per semester or summer
11 session of longer than six weeks or \$60 per summer session of six
12 weeks or less. The fee may be used to purchase equipment for and to
13 construct, operate, and maintain recreational sports facilities
14 and programs.

15 (b) The recreation fee authorized by this section may not be
16 increased more than 10 percent from one academic year to the next
17 unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of those
18 students participating in a general student election called for
19 that purpose. The fee may not exceed the amounts provided by
20 Subsection (a).

21 (c) The chief fiscal officer of the university shall collect
22 any student recreational sports fee imposed under this section and
23 shall deposit the money collected in an account to be known as the
24 student recreational sports account.

1 (d) A student recreational sports fee imposed under this
2 section is not counted in determining the maximum student services
3 fee that may be charged under Section 54.503.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the
6 effective date of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
8 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
9 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
10 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
11 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.