

1-1 By: Blake, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 598  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 11, 2005; April 12, 2005, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;  
1-4 May 9, 2005, reported favorably to Committee on Education;  
1-5 May 16, 2005, reported favorably from Committee on Education by the  
1-6 following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 16, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to a recreational sports fee at Stephen F. Austin State  
1-10 University.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
1-13 amended by adding Section 54.5201 to read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 54.5201. RECREATIONAL SPORTS FEE; STEPHEN F. AUSTIN  
1-15 STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of Stephen F. Austin  
1-16 State University may charge each student enrolled at the university  
1-17 a recreational sports fee not to exceed \$120 per semester or summer  
1-18 session of longer than six weeks or \$60 per summer session of six  
1-19 weeks or less. The fee may be used to purchase equipment for and to  
1-20 construct, operate, and maintain recreational sports facilities  
1-21 and programs.

1-22 (b) The recreation fee authorized by this section may not be  
1-23 increased more than 10 percent from one academic year to the next  
1-24 unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of those  
1-25 students participating in a general student election called for  
1-26 that purpose. The fee may not exceed the amounts provided by  
1-27 Subsection (a).

1-28 (c) The chief fiscal officer of the university shall collect  
1-29 any student recreational sports fee imposed under this section and  
1-30 shall deposit the money collected in an account to be known as the  
1-31 student recreational sports account.

1-32 (d) A student recreational sports fee imposed under this  
1-33 section is not counted in determining the maximum student services  
1-34 fee that may be charged under Section 54.503.

1-35 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-36 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the  
1-37 effective date of this Act.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-39 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-40 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-41 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-42 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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