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H.B. No. 2108

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a student union fee at The University of Texas at Tyler.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5343 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5343. STUDENT UNION FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at The University of Texas at Tyler a student union fee for the purpose of providing revenue for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, renovating, improving, or equipping a student union building for the university. The fee may not exceed:

(1) \$75 per student for each semester or each summer session of more than six weeks; or

(2) \$40 per student for each summer session of six weeks or less.

(b) The board of regents may not increase the amount of the student union fee authorized by this section by more than 10 percent from one academic year to the next unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority of the university's students voting in a general student election called for that purpose.

(c) The fiscal officer of The University of Texas at Tyler shall collect the fees imposed under this section and shall credit the money received from the fees to an account known as The

1 University of Texas at Tyler student union fee account. The money  
2 in the account may be used only for the purposes provided by  
3 Subsection (a) and shall be placed under the control of and subject  
4 to the order of the Student Union Advisory Committee. The committee  
5 shall annually submit to the president of the university a complete  
6 and itemized budget accompanied by a full and complete report of  
7 all activities conducted during the preceding year and all  
8 expenditures made in connection with those activities. The  
9 president shall submit the budget to the board of regents as part of  
10 the institutional budget. The board of regents shall make the  
11 changes in the budget as the board considers necessary before  
12 approving the budget and shall impose the fees in an amount  
13 sufficient to meet the budgetary needs of the student union,  
14 subject to Subsection (b).

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

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

23 SECTION 2. Section 54.5343, Education Code, as added by  
24 this Act, applies only to fees imposed for a semester or other  
25 academic term that begins on or after the effective date of this  
26 Act.

27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.