

1-1 By: Berman (Senate Sponsor - Eltife) H.B. No. 2108
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2005;
1-3 April 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Subcommittee on
1-4 Higher Education; May 9, 2005, reported favorably to Committee on
1-5 Education; May 16, 2005, reported favorably from Committee on
1-6 Education by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 16, 2005,
1-7 sent to printer.)

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

1-10 relating to a student union fee at The University of Texas at Tyler.
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 54.5343 to read as follows:
1-14 Sec. 54.5343. STUDENT UNION FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT
1-15 TYLER. (a) If authorized under Subsection (b), the board of
1-16 regents of The University of Texas System may impose on each student
1-17 enrolled at The University of Texas at Tyler a student union fee for
1-18 the purpose of providing revenue for financing, constructing,
1-19 operating, maintaining, renovating, improving, or equipping a
1-20 student union building for the university. The fee may not exceed:
1-21 (1) \$100 per student for each semester or each summer
1-22 session of more than six weeks; or
1-23 (2) \$50 per student for each summer session of six
1-24 weeks or less.
1-25 (b) The board of regents may not impose a student union fee
1-26 under this section unless imposition of the fee is approved by a
1-27 majority of the university's students voting in a general student
1-28 election called for that purpose. The board of regents may not
1-29 increase the amount of the student union fee under this section by
1-30 more than 10 percent from one academic year to the next unless the
1-31 amount of the increase is approved by a majority of the university's
1-32 students voting in a general student election called for that
1-33 purpose.
1-34 (c) The fiscal officer of The University of Texas at Tyler
1-35 shall collect the fees imposed under this section and shall credit
1-36 the money received from the fees to an account known as The
1-37 University of Texas at Tyler student union fee account. The money
1-38 in the account may be used only for the purposes provided by
1-39 Subsection (a) and shall be placed under the control of and subject
1-40 to the order of the Student Union Advisory Committee. The committee
1-41 shall annually submit to the president of the university a complete
1-42 and itemized budget accompanied by a full and complete report of
1-43 all activities conducted during the preceding year and all
1-44 expenditures made in connection with those activities. The
1-45 president shall submit the budget to the board of regents as part of
1-46 the institutional budget. The board of regents shall make the
1-47 changes in the budget as the board considers necessary before
1-48 approving the budget and shall impose the fees in an amount
1-49 sufficient to meet the budgetary needs of the student union,
1-50 subject to Subsection (b).
1-51 (d) The board of regents may pledge revenue from the fees
1-52 imposed under this section to pay obligations issued for authorized
1-53 purposes pursuant to the revenue financing system of The University
1-54 of Texas System.
1-55 (e) A student union fee imposed under this section is in
1-56 addition to any other fee the board of regents is authorized by law
1-57 to impose and may not be considered in determining the maximum
1-58 student services fee that may be imposed under Section 54.503(b).
1-59 SECTION 2. Section 54.5343, Education Code, as added by
1-60 this Act, applies only to fees imposed for a semester or other
1-61 academic term that begins on or after the effective date of this
1-62 Act.
1-63 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-64 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

2-1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-3 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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