

1-1 By: Farabee (Senate Sponsor - Estes) H.B. No. 2272
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 recreational and health facilities fee at
1-11 Midwestern State University.

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

1-13 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
1-14 amended by adding Section 54.5441 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 54.5441. STUDENT RECREATIONAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES
1-16 FEE; MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of
1-17 Midwestern State University may charge each student enrolled at the
1-18 university a recreational and health facilities fee not to exceed
1-19 \$130 per semester or summer session of longer than six weeks or \$65
1-20 per summer session of six weeks or less. The fee may be used to
1-21 finance, construct, operate, renovate, or maintain recreational
1-22 and wellness facilities and programs at the university.

1-23 (b) The recreational and health facilities fee authorized
1-24 by this section may not be increased more than 10 percent from one
1-25 academic year to the next unless the increase has been approved by a
1-26 majority vote of those students participating in a general student
1-27 election called for that purpose. The fee may not exceed the
1-28 amounts provided by Subsection (a).

1-29 (c) The chief fiscal officer of the university shall collect
1-30 any recreational and health facilities fee imposed under this
1-31 section and shall deposit the money collected in an account to be
1-32 known as the student recreational and health facilities account.

1-33 (d) A recreational and health facilities fee imposed under
1-34 this section is not counted in determining the maximum student
1-35 services fee that may be charged under Section 54.503.

1-36 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-37 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the
1-38 effective date of this Act.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-40 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-41 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-42 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-43 Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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