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S.B. No. 1048

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 levy a student union fee, not to exceed \$100 per student for each regular semester or summer session or more than six weeks and not to exceed \$50 per student for each summer session of six weeks or less, for the sole purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student union building for The University of Texas at Tyler. The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a general student election held at the university for that purpose.

(b) The student union fee authorized by this section may not be increased more than 10 percent from one academic year to the next unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general student election called for that purpose.

(c) Such fees shall be deposited to an account known as the University of Texas at Tyler Student Union Fee Account and shall be placed under the control of and subject to the order of the Student Union Advisory Committee. The committee shall annually submit to

1 the president of The University of Texas at Tyler a complete and  
2 itemized budget to be accompanied by a full and complete report of  
3 all activities conducted during the past year and all expenditures  
4 made incident thereto. The president shall submit the budget to the  
5 board of regents as part of the institutional budget. The board of  
6 regents shall make such changes in the budget as it deems necessary  
7 before approving the budget, and shall then levy the fees, within  
8 the limits herein fixed, in such amounts as will be sufficient to  
9 meet the budgetary needs of the student union building.

10 (d) A student union fee imposed under this section is not  
11 counted in determining the maximum student services fee that may be  
12 charged under Section 54.503.

13 (e) The board of regents may pledge fees levied under this  
14 section to pay obligations issued pursuant to the revenue financing  
15 system of The University of Texas System.

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

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