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H.B. No. 1157

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a student services building fee at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5332 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5332. STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may charge each student enrolled at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin a fee for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, or improving a student services building at the university.

(b) The amount of the fee may not exceed:

(1) \$150 for each regular semester;

(2) \$75 for each summer session of more than six weeks;

or

(3) \$50 for each summer session of six weeks or shorter.

(c) The board may pledge fees imposed under this section to pay obligations issued pursuant to the revenue financing system of The University of Texas System.

(d) The amount of the fee for a semester or summer session may not be increased by more than 10 percent from the amount of the fee for a similar semester or summer session of the preceding

1 academic year unless the amount of the increase is approved by a  
2 majority vote of the students participating in a general student  
3 election held for that purpose.

4 (e) The university shall collect the fee imposed under this  
5 section and deposit the money collected into an account to be known  
6 as the student services building account of The University of Texas  
7 of the Permian Basin. Money in the account may be used only for the  
8 purposes described by Subsection (a).

9 (f) A fee charged under this section is in addition to any  
10 other fee the board is authorized by law to charge at the university  
11 and may not be considered in determining the maximum student  
12 services fee that may be charged under Section 54.503.

13 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007 fall  
14 semester.

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.