

AN ACT

relating to a fee to support intercollegiate athletics at The University of Texas at Brownsville.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.551 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.551. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at The University of Texas at Brownsville an intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to exceed \$7 per semester credit hour.

(b) The board shall deposit revenue from the fee to the credit of an account known as The University of Texas at Brownsville intercollegiate athletics fee account. Money in the account shall be used in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreements entered into between The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College under Section 78.02.

(c) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority vote of the students of the university who participate in a general student election held for that purpose.

(d) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as last approved by a student vote under Subsection (c) or this subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote

1 of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a  
2 general student election held for that purpose.

3 (e) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any  
4 other fee the board is authorized by law to impose.

5 (f) Subject to the limitations of this section on the amount  
6 of the fee and any increase in the amount of the fee, the fee imposed  
7 under this section must be in the same amount as the intercollegiate  
8 athletics fee charged a student at Texas Southmost College by the  
9 board of trustees of Southmost Union Junior College District. A  
10 student attending either or both institutions may be charged an  
11 intercollegiate athletics fee by only one of the institutions.

12 (g) The board may not impose the fee authorized by this  
13 section on a student who is enrolled solely in online courses at the  
14 university.

15 (h) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the amount of an  
16 intercollegiate athletics fee imposed under this section during the  
17 2008-2009 academic year may not exceed \$5 per semester credit hour.  
18 This subsection expires July 31, 2009.

19 SECTION 2. A fee authorized to be imposed by Section 54.551,  
20 Education Code, as added by this Act, may not be imposed before the  
21 beginning of the 2008 fall semester.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1505 was passed by the House on April 5, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 1, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1505 on May 7, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1505 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 3, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor