

1-1 By: Lucio III (Senate Sponsor - Lucio) H.B. No. 1505  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 10, 2007;  
1-3 April 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Education; April 30, 2007, reported adversely, with favorable  
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0;  
1-6 April 30, 2007, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1505 By: Patrick

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

1-10 relating to a fee to support intercollegiate athletics at The  
1-11 University of Texas at Brownsville.

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 54.551 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 54.551. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; THE UNIVERSITY  
1-16 OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE. (a) The board of regents of The  
1-17 University of Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at  
1-18 The University of Texas at Brownsville an intercollegiate athletics  
1-19 fee in an amount not to exceed \$7 per semester credit hour.

1-20 (b) The board shall deposit revenue from the fee to the  
1-21 credit of an account known as The University of Texas at Brownsville  
1-22 intercollegiate athletics fee account. Money in the account shall  
1-23 be used in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreements  
1-24 entered into between The University of Texas at Brownsville and  
1-25 Texas Southmost College under Section 78.02.

1-26 (c) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority  
1-27 vote of the students of the university who participate in a general  
1-28 student election held for that purpose.

1-29 (d) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount  
1-30 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as  
1-31 last approved by a student vote under Subsection (c) or this  
1-32 subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote  
1-33 of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a  
1-34 general student election held for that purpose.

1-35 (e) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any  
1-36 other fee the board is authorized by law to impose.

1-37 (f) Subject to the limitations of this section on the amount  
1-38 of the fee and any increase in the amount of the fee, the fee imposed  
1-39 under this section must be in the same amount as the intercollegiate  
1-40 athletics fee charged a student at Texas Southmost College by the  
1-41 board of trustees of Southmost Union Junior College District. A  
1-42 student attending either or both institutions may be charged an  
1-43 intercollegiate athletics fee by only one of the institutions.

1-44 (g) The board may not impose the fee authorized by this  
1-45 section on a student who is enrolled solely in online courses at the  
1-46 university.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007 fall  
1-48 semester.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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