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S.B. No. 161

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to intercollegiate athletics fees at institutions within the Texas State University System.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5381 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5381. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE: TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The board of regents of the Texas State University System may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee on each student enrolled at a component institution of the Texas State University System in an amount not to exceed:

(1) \$8.75 per semester credit hour for each regular semester; and

(2) \$4.50 per semester credit hour for each summer session.

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

(c) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the component institution.

(d) Not more than once in an academic year, the board may increase the amount of the fee authorized by this section. Any increase of more than 10 percent must be approved by a majority vote

1 of the students of the component institution who participate in a  
2 general student election called for that purpose.

3 (e) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any  
4 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining  
5 the maximum amount of student services fees that may be imposed  
6 under Section 54.503.

7 (f) If the imposition of a mandatory intercollegiate  
8 athletics fee as described by this section was approved by a  
9 majority vote of the students of the component institution who  
10 participated in a general student election held on or after January  
11 1, 2005, the board may impose the fee as prescribed by the results  
12 of the election without calling an additional election. This  
13 subsection expires January 1, 2008.

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

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