

1-1 By: Wentworth, Williams, Uresti S.B. No. 161
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 161 By: Van de Putte

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

1-10 relating to intercollegiate athletics fees at institutions within
1-11 the Texas State University System.

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 54.5381 to read as follows:

1-15 Sec. 54.5381. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE: TEXAS STATE
1-16 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. (a) The board of regents of the Texas State
1-17 University System may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee on
1-18 each student enrolled at a component institution of the Texas State
1-19 University System in an amount not to exceed:

1-20 (1) \$8.75 per semester credit hour for each regular
1-21 semester; and

1-22 (2) \$4.50 per semester credit hour for each summer
1-23 session.

1-24 (b) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority
1-25 vote of the students of the applicable component institution who
1-26 participate in a general student election held for that purpose.

1-27 (c) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop
1-28 and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the component
1-29 institution.

1-30 (d) The amount of the fee may not be increased by more than
1-31 10 percent unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote
1-32 of the students enrolled at the component institution who
1-33 participate in a general student election called for that purpose.

1-34 (e) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any
1-35 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining
1-36 the maximum amount of student services fees that may be imposed
1-37 under Section 54.503.

1-38 (f) If the imposition of a mandatory intercollegiate
1-39 athletics fee as described by this section was approved by a
1-40 majority vote of the students of the component institution who
1-41 participated in a general student election held on or after January
1-42 1, 2005, the board of regents may impose the fee as prescribed by
1-43 the results of the election without calling an additional election.
1-44 This subsection expires January 1, 2008.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007 fall
1-46 semester.

1-47 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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