AN ACT

relating to the imposition of certain fees on students enrolled at The University of Texas at Dallas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 54.5311, 54.5312, and 54.5313 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5311. TRANSPORTATION FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at The University of Texas at Dallas a transportation fee in an amount not to exceed $18 for each regular semester or $9 for each term of the summer session, for the sole purpose of financing transportation services, including capital expenses, for students enrolled in the university.

(b) 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.

(c) 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 (b) or this subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a general student election held for that purpose.

1   (d) Revenue from the fee must be deposited in an account

2   known as The University of Texas at Dallas Transportation Fee

3   Account and must be expended in accordance with a budget submitted

4   to and approved by the board. The board shall make any changes in

5   the budget the board considers necessary before approving the

6   budget and shall impose the fee, within the limits provided by this

7   section, in an amount sufficient to meet the budget as approved.

8   (e) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered

9   in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may

10   be charged under Section 54.503.

11   (f) The university shall hold in reserve any fee revenue

12   under this section that exceeds the amount necessary to meet the

13   current expenses of the transportation services and shall apply

14   that excess revenue only to future expenses of the transportation

15   services.

16   Sec. 54.5312. STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING FEE; THE UNIVERSITY

17   OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents of The University of

18   Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at The University

19   of Texas at Dallas a student services building fee for the sole

20   purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and

21   improving a student services building at the university.

22   (b) A fee imposed under this section may not exceed:

23   (1) $71 per student for each regular semester or

24   summer term of 12 weeks or longer;

25   (2) $47.33 per student for each summer term of eight

26   weeks or longer but less than 12 weeks; or

27   (3) $35 per student for each summer term of less than

1 eight weeks.

2   (c) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority

3 vote of the students of the university who participate in a general

4 student election held for that purpose.

5   (d) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount

6 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as

7 last approved by a student vote under Subsection (c) or this

8 subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote

9 of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a

10 general student election held for that purpose.

11   (e) Revenue from the fee must be deposited in an account

12 known as The University of Texas at Dallas Student Services

13 Building Fee Account.

14   (f) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered

15 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may

16 be charged under Section 54.503.

17   (g) The board may pledge revenue from the fee imposed under

18 this section for the payment of obligations issued for authorized

19 purposes pursuant to the revenue financing system of The University

20 of Texas System.

21   Sec. 54.5313. INTRAMURAL AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

22 FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents

23 of The University of Texas System may impose on each student

24 enrolled at The University of Texas at Dallas an intramural and

25 intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to exceed:

26   (1) $45 per student for each semester or summer term of

27 12 weeks or longer;

1   (2) $30 per student for each summer term of eight weeks

2 or longer but less than 12 weeks; or

3   (3) $22.50 per student for each summer term of less

4 than eight weeks.

5   (b) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority

6 vote of the students of the university who participate in a general

7 student election held for that purpose.

8   (c) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount

9 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as

10 last approved by a student vote under Subsection (b) or this

11 subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote

12 of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a

13 general student election held for that purpose.

14   (d) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered

15 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may

16 be charged under Section 54.503.

17   SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007 fall

18 semester.

19   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

23 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate   Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 285 passed the Senate on April 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 285 passed the House on May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor