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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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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.