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S.B. No. 285

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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 board may not increase the amount of the fee from one
academic year to the next unless the amount of the increase is
approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a
general student election held at the university for that purpose
or, if the amount of the increase does not exceed 10 percent, by the
legislative body of the student government of the university.

(c) Revenue from the fee must be deposited in an account
known as The University of Texas at Dallas Transportation Fee
Account and must be expended in accordance with a budget submitted

1 to and approved by the board. The board shall make any changes in
2 the budget the board considers necessary before approving the
3 budget and shall impose the fee, within the limits provided by this
4 section, in an amount sufficient to meet the budget as approved.

5 (d) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered
6 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may
7 be charged under Section 54.503.

8 (e) The university shall hold in reserve any fee revenue
9 under this section that exceeds the amount necessary to meet the
10 current expenses of the transportation services and shall apply
11 that excess revenue only to future expenses of the transportation
12 services.

13 Sec. 54.5312. STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING FEE; THE UNIVERSITY
14 OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents of The University of
15 Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at The University
16 of Texas at Dallas a student services building fee for the sole
17 purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and
18 improving a student services building at the university.

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

20 (1) \$71 per student for each regular semester or
21 summer term of 12 weeks or longer;

22 (2) \$47.33 per student for each summer term of eight
23 weeks or longer but less than 12 weeks; or

24 (3) \$35 per student for each summer term of less than
25 eight weeks.

26 (c) The board may not increase the amount of the fee from one
27 academic year to the next unless the amount of the increase is

1 approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a
2 general student election held at the university for that purpose
3 or, if the amount of the increase does not exceed 10 percent, by the
4 legislative body of the student government of the university.

5 (d) Revenue from the fee must be deposited in an account
6 known as The University of Texas at Dallas Student Services
7 Building Fee Account.

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 board may pledge revenue from the fee imposed under
12 this section for the payment of obligations issued for authorized
13 purposes pursuant to the revenue financing system of The University
14 of Texas System.

15 Sec. 54.5313. INTRAMURAL AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
16 FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents of
17 The University of Texas System may impose on each student enrolled
18 at The University of Texas at Dallas an intramural and
19 intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to exceed:

20 (1) \$45 per student for each semester or summer term of
21 12 weeks or longer;

22 (2) \$30 per student for each summer term of eight weeks
23 or longer but less than 12 weeks; or

24 (3) \$22.50 per student for each summer term of less
25 than eight weeks.

26 (b) The board may not impose the fee unless approved by a
27 majority vote of the students participating in a general student

1 election held at the university for that purpose.

2 (c) The board may not increase the amount of the intramural
3 and intercollegiate athletics fee from one academic year to the
4 next unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority
5 vote of the students participating in a general student election
6 held at the university for that purpose or, if the amount of the
7 increase does not exceed 10 percent, by the legislative body of the
8 student government of the university.

9 (d) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered
10 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may
11 be charged under Section 54.503.

12 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007 fall
13 semester.

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