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1-6 printer.)

1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-8 AN ACT

1-9 relating to the imposition of certain fees on students enrolled at
1-10 The University of Texas at Dallas.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
1-13 amended by adding Sections 54.5311, 54.5312, and 54.5313 to read as
1-14 follows:

1-15 Sec. 54.5311. TRANSPORTATION FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
1-16 AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas
1-17 System may impose on each student enrolled at The University of
1-18 Texas at Dallas a transportation fee in an amount not to exceed \$18
1-19 for each regular semester or \$9 for each term of the summer session,
1-20 for the sole purpose of financing transportation services,
1-21 including capital expenses, for students enrolled in the
1-22 university.

1-23 (b) The board may not increase the amount of the fee from one
1-24 academic year to the next unless the amount of the increase is
1-25 approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a
1-26 general student election held at the university for that purpose
1-27 or, if the amount of the increase does not exceed 10 percent, by the
1-28 legislative body of the student government of the university.

1-29 (c) Revenue from the fee must be deposited in an account
1-30 known as The University of Texas at Dallas Transportation Fee
1-31 Account and must be expended in accordance with a budget submitted
1-32 to and approved by the board. The board shall make any changes in
1-33 the budget the board considers necessary before approving the
1-34 budget and shall impose the fee, within the limits provided by this
1-35 section, in an amount sufficient to meet the budget as approved.

1-36 (d) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered
1-37 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may
1-38 be charged under Section 54.503.

1-39 (e) The university shall hold in reserve any fee revenue
1-40 under this section that exceeds the amount necessary to meet the
1-41 current expenses of the transportation services and shall apply
1-42 that excess revenue only to future expenses of the transportation
1-43 services.

1-44 Sec. 54.5312. STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING FEE; THE UNIVERSITY
1-45 OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents of The University of
1-46 Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at The University
1-47 of Texas at Dallas a student services building fee for the sole
1-48 purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and
1-49 improving a student services building at the university.

1-50 (b) A fee imposed under this section may not exceed:

1-51 (1) \$71 per student for each regular semester or
1-52 summer term of 12 weeks or longer;

1-53 (2) \$47.33 per student for each summer term of eight
1-54 weeks or longer but less than 12 weeks; or

1-55 (3) \$35 per student for each summer term of less than
1-56 eight weeks.

1-57 (c) The board may not increase the amount of the fee from one
1-58 academic year to the next unless the amount of the increase is
1-59 approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a
1-60 general student election held at the university for that purpose
1-61 or, if the amount of the increase does not exceed 10 percent, by the
1-62 legislative body of the student government of the university.

1-63 (d) Revenue from the fee must be deposited in an account
1-64 known as The University of Texas at Dallas Student Services

2-1 Building Fee Account.

2-2 (e) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered
 2-3 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may
 2-4 be charged under Section 54.503.

2-5 (f) The board may pledge revenue from the fee imposed under
 2-6 this section for the payment of obligations issued for authorized
 2-7 purposes pursuant to the revenue financing system of The University
 2-8 of Texas System.

2-9 Sec. 54.5313. INTRAMURAL AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
 2-10 FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents
 2-11 of The University of Texas System may impose on each student
 2-12 enrolled at The University of Texas at Dallas an intramural and
 2-13 intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to exceed:

2-14 (1) \$45 per student for each semester or summer term of
 2-15 12 weeks or longer;

2-16 (2) \$30 per student for each summer term of eight weeks
 2-17 or longer but less than 12 weeks; or

2-18 (3) \$22.50 per student for each summer term of less
 2-19 than eight weeks.

2-20 (b) The board may not impose the fee unless approved by a
 2-21 majority vote of the students participating in a general student
 2-22 election held at the university for that purpose.

2-23 (c) The board may not increase the amount of the intramural
 2-24 and intercollegiate athletics fee from one academic year to the
 2-25 next unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority
 2-26 vote of the students participating in a general student election
 2-27 held at the university for that purpose or, if the amount of the
 2-28 increase does not exceed 10 percent, by the legislative body of the
 2-29 student government of the university.

2-30 (d) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered
 2-31 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may
 2-32 be charged under Section 54.503.

2-33 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007 fall
 2-34 semester.

2-35 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 2-36 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 2-37 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 2-38 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 2-39 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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