

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 963
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2007; March 7, 2007,
1-3 read first time and referred to Subcommittee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 4, 2007, reported favorably from Committee on Education by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 4, 2007, sent to
1-6 printer.)

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

1-9 relating to the recreational facility fee at The University of
1-10 Texas at El Paso.

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

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 54.541, Education Code, is amended by
1-13 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsections (a-1) and
1-14 (a-2) to read as follows:

1-15 (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System
1-16 may charge each student enrolled at The University of Texas at El
1-17 Paso a recreational facility fee [~~not to exceed \$12 per student per~~
1-18 ~~semester or summer session~~]. The fee may be used only for
1-19 financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving new
1-20 and existing recreational sports facilities and programs at The
1-21 University of Texas at El Paso.

1-22 (a-1) A fee imposed under this section may not exceed:

1-23 (1) \$70 per student for a term or semester of 10 weeks
1-24 or longer; or

1-25 (2) \$50 per student for any other term or semester.

1-26 (a-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a-1), for a term or
1-27 semester before the 2009 fall semester, a fee imposed under this
1-28 section may not exceed \$20 per student for a semester or summer
1-29 session. This subsection expires September 1, 2009.

1-30 (c) The recreational facility fee may not be increased
1-31 [~~levied~~] unless the amount of the increase [~~fee~~] is approved [~~and~~
1-32 ~~the amount of the fee is set~~] by a majority vote of those students
1-33 participating in a general student election called at The
1-34 University of Texas at El Paso for that purpose.

1-35 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to
1-36 fees charged beginning with the 2007 fall semester. A fee charged
1-37 for a term or semester before the 2007 fall semester is covered by
1-38 the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act,
1-39 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-40 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-41 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-42 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-43 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-44 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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