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S.B. No. 1233

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the general property deposit paid by a student to a  
3 public institution of higher education.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.502(a), Education Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) An institution of higher education may collect a  
8 reasonable deposit in an amount not to exceed \$100 from each student  
9 to insure the institution against any losses, damages, and breakage  
10 for which the student is responsible and to cover any other amounts  
11 owed by the student to the institution [~~in libraries and~~  
12 ~~laboratories~~]. The institution shall return to the student the  
13 deposit, less any such amounts owed to the institution by the  
14 student. The deposit must be returned within a reasonable period  
15 after the date of the student's withdrawal or graduation from the  
16 institution, not to exceed 180 days, that provides the institution  
17 with sufficient time to identify all amounts owed and to determine  
18 that the student does not intend to enroll at the institution in the  
19 semester or summer session immediately following the student's  
20 withdrawal or graduation or, if the student withdraws or graduates  
21 in the spring semester, in the next fall semester [~~The deposit~~  
22 ~~shall be returned on the withdrawal or graduation of a student, less~~  
23 ~~an amount necessary to cover any loss, damage, or breakage caused by~~  
24 ~~the student~~].

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