

House Bill 1505
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

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Sec. 54.551. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT BROWNSVILLE.

(a) Except as otherwise provided by Subsection (f), the board of regents of The University of Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at The University of Texas at Brownsville an intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to exceed \$7 per semester credit hour.

(a-1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the maximum fee that may be imposed under this section for the 2008-2009 academic year is \$5 per semester credit hour, and the maximum fee that may be imposed under this section for the 2009-2010 academic year is \$6 per semester credit hour. This subsection expires January 1, 2011.

(b) The board shall deposit revenue from the fee to the credit of an account known as The University of Texas at Brownsville intercollegiate athletics fee account. Money in the account shall be used in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreements entered into between The University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College under Section 78.02.

(c) The board may not increase the amount of the fee by more than 10 percent from one academic year to the next unless the amount of the increase is approved by:

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(1) a majority vote of the students participating in a general student election held at the university for that purpose; and

(2) a majority of the members of the legislative body of the student government of the university.

(d) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any other fee the board is authorized by law to impose.

(e) Subject to the limitations of this section on the amount of the fee and any increase in the amount of the fee, the fee imposed under this section must be in the same amount as the intercollegiate athletics fee charged a student at Texas Southmost College by the board of trustees of Southmost Union Junior College District. A student attending either or both institutions may be charged an intercollegiate athletics fee by only one of the institutions.

(f) The board may not impose the fee authorized by this section on a student who is enrolled solely in online courses at the university.

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purpose.

(d) 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 (c) 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.

(e) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any other fee the board is authorized by law to impose.

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(g) The board may not impose the fee authorized by this section on a student who is enrolled solely in online courses at the university.

(h) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the amount of an intercollegiate athletics fee imposed under this section during the 2008-2009 academic year may not exceed \$5 per semester credit hour. This subsection expires July

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SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2008 fall semester.

SECTION 2. A fee authorized to be imposed by Section 54.551, Education Code, as added by this Act, may not be imposed before the beginning of the 2008 fall semester.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect August 1, 2008.

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