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H.B. No. 2024

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2024:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at the University of
3 North Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 54.5191 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.5191. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; UNIVERSITY OF
8 NORTH TEXAS. (a) The board of regents of the University of North
9 Texas System may charge each student enrolled at the University of
10 North Texas an intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to
11 exceed \$10 per semester credit hour for each semester or summer
12 session.

13 (b) A student enrolled in more than 15 semester credit hours
14 shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a
15 student enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during the same
16 semester or session.

17 (c) The fee may not be charged before the first semester a
18 new football stadium is available for use at the university.

19 (d) If compulsory student services fees are charged to
20 students enrolled at the university under Section 54.503, the total
21 amount of those fees charged to a student shall be reduced by \$3 per
22 semester credit hour for the first semester in which an
23 intercollegiate athletics fee is charged under this section.

24 (e) Revenue from the fee charged under this section may be

1 used only for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, or
2 improving an athletic facility or for operating an intercollegiate
3 athletics program at the university.

4 (f) The fee may not be charged unless approved by a majority
5 vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a
6 general student election held for that purpose. The ballot for the
7 election to approve the fee must state a maximum amount of the fee
8 that may be charged per semester credit hour, not to exceed the
9 maximum amount prescribed by Subsection (a).

10 (g) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount
11 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the amount of the fee as last
12 approved by a student vote under Subsection (f) or this subsection
13 unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of the
14 students enrolled at the university who participate in a general
15 student election held for that purpose.

16 (h) The chief fiscal officer of the university shall collect
17 the fee and shall deposit the revenue from the fee in an account to
18 be known as the intercollegiate athletics fee account.

19 (i) A fee charged under this section is not considered in
20 determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may be
21 charged each student enrolled at the university under Section
22 54.503.

23 (j) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year
24 in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that
25 academic year, the university has issued bonds payable in whole or
26 in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after
27 the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding

1 bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.