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H.B. No. 2024

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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