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H.B. No. 2954

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at
3 Texas Southern University.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.522, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (a), (c), and (e) and adding Subsection (f) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The board of regents of Texas Southern University may
9 impose on each student enrolled in the university [~~levy and~~
10 ~~collect~~] a student fee not to exceed \$75 [~~\$35~~] per student for each
11 semester of the regular term [~~long session~~] and not to exceed \$37.50
12 [~~\$17.50~~] per student for each summer term [~~of the summer session,~~
13 ~~from each student enrolled in Texas Southern University~~], as the
14 board determines [~~may in its discretion be just and~~] necessary for
15 the purpose of operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping the
16 student center and acquiring or constructing additions to the
17 student center. A fee collected under this section is in addition
18 to any other use or service fee authorized to be imposed [~~levied~~].

19 (c) The student fee advisory committee annually shall
20 submit to the board of regents a complete and itemized budget for
21 the student center with a complete report of all student center
22 activities conducted during the past year and all expenditures made
23 in connection with those activities. The board of regents may make
24 changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary.

1 After approving the budget, the board of regents, in accordance
2 with this section, may impose [~~levy~~] the student center fees for
3 that year in amounts sufficient to meet the budgetary needs of the
4 student center.

5 (e) A fee imposed [~~levied~~] under this section may not be
6 considered in determining the maximum student services fee that may
7 be charged under Section 54.503(b).

8 (f) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year
9 in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that
10 academic year, the university has issued bonds payable in whole or
11 in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after
12 the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding
13 bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
15 beginning with student fees charged by a public institution of
16 higher education for the 2009-2010 academic year. Student fees
17 charged by a public institution of higher education for an academic
18 year before that academic year are covered by the law in effect
19 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
20 continued in effect for that purpose.

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