

AN ACT

relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at Texas Southern University.

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

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

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

(c) The student fee advisory committee annually shall submit to the board of regents a complete and itemized budget for the student center with a complete report of all student center activities conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in connection with those activities. The board of regents may make 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 (d) The board may not increase the amount of the student
6 center fee [~~by more than 10 percent~~] in any academic year unless the
7 amount of the increase is approved by a majority of the students
8 voting in an election held for that purpose or by a majority of the
9 student government of the institution.

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

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

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

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2954 was passed by the House on May 7, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2954 on May 29, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2954 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 23, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor