

1-1 By: Coleman (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 2954
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2009;
1-3 May 8, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 20, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 20, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at
1-9 Texas Southern University.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 54.522, Education Code, is amended by
1-12 amending Subsections (a), (c), and (e) and adding Subsection (f) to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 (a) The board of regents of Texas Southern University may
1-15 impose on each student enrolled in the university [~~levy and~~
1-16 ~~collect~~] a student fee not to exceed \$75 [~~\$35~~] per student for each
1-17 semester of the regular term [~~long session~~] and not to exceed \$37.50
1-18 [~~\$17.50~~] per student for each summer term [~~of the summer session,~~
1-19 ~~from each student enrolled in Texas Southern University~~], as the
1-20 board determines [~~may in its discretion be just and~~] necessary for
1-21 the purpose of operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping the
1-22 student center and acquiring or constructing additions to the
1-23 student center. A fee collected under this section is in addition
1-24 to any other use or service fee authorized to be imposed [~~levied~~].

1-25 (c) The student fee advisory committee annually shall
1-26 submit to the board of regents a complete and itemized budget for
1-27 the student center with a complete report of all student center
1-28 activities conducted during the past year and all expenditures made
1-29 in connection with those activities. The board of regents may make
1-30 changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary.
1-31 After approving the budget, the board of regents, in accordance
1-32 with this section, may impose [~~levy~~] the student center fees for
1-33 that year in amounts sufficient to meet the budgetary needs of the
1-34 student center.

1-35 (e) A fee imposed [~~levied~~] under this section may not be
1-36 considered in determining the maximum student services fee that may
1-37 be charged under Section 54.503(b).

1-38 (f) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year
1-39 in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that
1-40 academic year, the university has issued bonds payable in whole or
1-41 in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after
1-42 the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding
1-43 bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

1-44 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
1-45 beginning with student fees charged by a public institution of
1-46 higher education for the 2009-2010 academic year. Student fees
1-47 charged by a public institution of higher education for an academic
1-48 year before that academic year are covered by the law in effect
1-49 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is
1-50 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-51 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-52 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-53 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-54 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-55 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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