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H.B. No. 4501

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas Southern University.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5223 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5223. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE: TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of Texas Southern University may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee on each student enrolled at Texas Southern University in an amount not to exceed \$10 per semester credit hour.

(b) The amount of the fee imposed on a student in a semester or session may not exceed the amount of the fee imposed on a student enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during the same semester or session.

(c) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority vote of the students of the university participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

(d) The amount of the fee per semester credit hour may be increased from one academic year to the next only if approved by a majority vote of the students of the university participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

(e) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the

1 university.

2 (f) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any
3 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining
4 the maximum amount of student services fees that may be imposed
5 under Section 54.503.

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

12 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009 fall
13 semester.

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