

1-1 By: Coleman (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 4501
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2009;
1-3 May 7, 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 an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas Southern
1-9 University.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
1-12 amended by adding Section 54.5223 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 54.5223. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE: TEXAS
1-14 SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of Texas Southern
1-15 University may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee on each
1-16 student enrolled at Texas Southern University in an amount not to
1-17 exceed \$10 per semester credit hour.

1-18 (b) The amount of the fee imposed on a student in a semester
1-19 or session may not exceed the amount of the fee imposed on a student
1-20 enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during the same semester or
1-21 session.

1-22 (c) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority
1-23 vote of the students of the university participating in a general
1-24 student election held for that purpose.

1-25 (d) The amount of the fee per semester credit hour may be
1-26 increased from one academic year to the next only if approved by a
1-27 majority vote of the students of the university participating in a
1-28 general student election held for that purpose.

1-29 (e) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop
1-30 and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the
1-31 university.

1-32 (f) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any
1-33 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining
1-34 the maximum amount of student services fees that may be imposed
1-35 under Section 54.503.

1-36 (g) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year
1-37 in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that
1-38 academic year, the university has issued bonds payable in whole or
1-39 in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after
1-40 the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding
1-41 bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

1-42 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009 fall
1-43 semester.

1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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