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S.B. No. 256

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Midwestern State  
3 University.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 54.5442 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.5442. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; MIDWESTERN  
8 STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of Midwestern State  
9 University may charge each student enrolled at the university an  
10 intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to exceed:

11 (1) the lesser of \$10 per semester credit hour or \$120  
12 for each regular semester or each summer session of more than six  
13 weeks; or

14 (2) \$60 for each summer session of six weeks or less.

15 (b) The fee may be used only to develop and maintain an  
16 intercollegiate athletics program at the university.

17 (c) The amount of the fee may not be increased by more than  
18 10 percent from one academic year to the next unless the increase  
19 has been approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the  
20 university who participate in a general student election called for  
21 that purpose.

22 (d) The chief fiscal officer of the university shall collect  
23 the fee and shall deposit the revenue from the fee in an account to  
24 be known as the Midwestern State University intercollegiate

1 athletics fee account.

2 (e) The fee is not considered in determining the maximum  
3 amount of student services fees that may be charged under Section  
4 54.503.

5 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
6 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the  
7 effective date of this Act.

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