

1-1 By: Estes S.B. No. 473  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 13, 2009; February 17, 2009,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 16, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 16, 2009, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at the University of  
1-9 North Texas.

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 54.5191 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 54.5191. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; UNIVERSITY OF  
1-14 NORTH TEXAS. (a) The board of regents of the University of North  
1-15 Texas System may charge each student enrolled at the University of  
1-16 North Texas an intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to  
1-17 exceed \$10 per semester credit hour for each semester or summer  
1-18 session.

1-19 (b) A student enrolled in more than 15 semester credit hours  
1-20 shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a  
1-21 student enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during the same  
1-22 semester or session.

1-23 (c) The fee may not be charged before the first semester a  
1-24 new football stadium is available for use at the university.

1-25 (d) If compulsory student services fees are charged to  
1-26 students enrolled at the university under Section 54.503, the total  
1-27 amount of those fees charged to a student shall be reduced by \$3 per  
1-28 semester credit hour for the first semester in which an  
1-29 intercollegiate athletics fee is charged under this section.

1-30 (e) Revenue from the fee charged under this section may be  
1-31 used only for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, or  
1-32 improving an athletic facility or for operating an intercollegiate  
1-33 athletics program at the university.

1-34 (f) The fee may not be charged unless approved by a majority  
1-35 vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a  
1-36 general student election held for that purpose. The ballot for the  
1-37 election to approve the fee must state a maximum amount of the fee  
1-38 that may be charged per semester credit hour, not to exceed the  
1-39 maximum amount prescribed by Subsection (a).

1-40 (g) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount  
1-41 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the amount of the fee as last  
1-42 approved by a student vote under Subsection (f) or this subsection  
1-43 unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of the  
1-44 students enrolled at the university who participate in a general  
1-45 student election held for that purpose.

1-46 (h) The chief fiscal officer of the university shall collect  
1-47 the fee and shall deposit the revenue from the fee in an account to  
1-48 be known as the intercollegiate athletics fee account.

1-49 (i) A fee charged under this section is not considered in  
1-50 determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may be  
1-51 charged each student enrolled at the university under Section  
1-52 54.503.

1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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