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S.B. No. 1849

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the student endowment scholarship and internship program fund at The University of Texas at El Paso.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5351 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5351. STUDENT ENDOWMENT FUND FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may impose a student endowment fund fee on each student enrolled at The University of Texas at El Paso. The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a general student election held at the university under Section 56.243.

(b) The amount of the fee may not exceed \$1 per semester for each regular semester or summer session, unless the amount is increased as provided by Subsection (c).

(c) The amount of the fee per semester 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 or, if the amount of the increase does not exceed five percent, by a majority vote of the legislative body of the student government of the university.

(d) A fee imposed under this section must be used to establish a student endowment fund under Section 56.247.

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

5        SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009 fall  
6 semester.

7        SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.