

1-1 By: Shapleigh S.B. No. 1849  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2009; March 20, 2009, read  
1-3 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 the student endowment scholarship and internship  
1-9 program fund at The University of Texas at El Paso.

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 54.5351 to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 54.5351. STUDENT ENDOWMENT FUND FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF  
1-14 TEXAS AT EL PASO. (a) The board of regents of The University of  
1-15 Texas System may impose a student endowment fund fee on each student  
1-16 enrolled at The University of Texas at El Paso. The fee may not be  
1-17 imposed unless approved by a majority vote of the students  
1-18 participating in a general student election held at the university  
1-19 under Section 56.243.

1-20 (b) The amount of the fee may not exceed \$1 per semester for  
1-21 each regular semester or summer session, unless the amount is  
1-22 increased as provided by Subsection (c).

1-23 (c) The amount of the fee per semester may be increased from  
1-24 one academic year to the next only if approved by a majority vote of  
1-25 the students of the university participating in a general student  
1-26 election held for that purpose or, if the amount of the increase  
1-27 does not exceed five percent, by a majority vote of the legislative  
1-28 body of the student government of the university.

1-29 (d) A fee imposed under this section must be used to  
1-30 establish a student endowment fund under Section 56.247.

1-31 (e) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any  
1-32 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining  
1-33 the maximum amount of student services fees that may be imposed  
1-34 under Section 54.503(b).

1-35 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2009 fall  
1-36 semester.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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