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S.B. No. 2351

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a student health services fee at component institutions
3 of The Texas A&M University System and to authorizing the
4 financing, construction, maintenance, and improvement of health
5 facilities with the fee at the institutions.

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

7 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 54.507, Education Code,
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 Sec. 54.507. STUDENT HEALTH [~~GROUP HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL~~]
10 SERVICES FEE [~~FEES~~]; TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

11 SECTION 2. Section 54.507, Education Code, is amended by
12 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
13 read as follows:

14 (a) The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System
15 may charge [~~levy and collect from~~] each student enrolled at a
16 component [~~any~~] institution of [~~higher education which is a part~~
17 ~~of~~] The Texas A&M University System a student health [~~compulsory~~
18 ~~group hospital and medical~~] services fee not to exceed \$75 for each
19 regular semester and not to exceed \$25 for each summer term [~~of each~~
20 ~~summer session~~]. The student health [~~compulsory group hospital and~~
21 ~~medical~~] services fee may not be charged [~~levied~~] unless [~~the levy~~
22 ~~of~~] the fee has been approved by a majority vote of those students
23 at the affected institution participating in a general student
24 election called for that purpose.

1 (a-1) This subsection applies only to Texas A&M University
2 in College Station. Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the Board of
3 Regents of The Texas A&M University System may charge each student
4 enrolled at an institution to which this subsection applies a
5 student health services fee not to exceed \$100 for each regular
6 semester or \$50 for each summer term. The fee may not be increased
7 by more than 10 percent of the total amount of the fee that is in
8 effect on January 1, 2009, or as last approved by a student vote
9 under this section, if applicable, unless the increase has been
10 approved by a majority vote of the students voting in an election
11 held for that purpose.

12 (c) A fee charged [~~levied~~] under this section at a component
13 institution of The Texas A&M University System may be used [~~only~~] to
14 provide hospital or other medical services to students registered
15 at that component institution and for financing, constructing,
16 maintaining, and improving new and existing student health
17 facilities at that institution.

18 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2009 fall
19 semester.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
24 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.