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S.B. No. 2351

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to limiting increases in a student health services fee at  
3 Texas A&M University-College Station, and to authorizing the  
4 financing, construction, maintenance and improvement of health  
5 facilities with a student health services fee at a component  
6 institution of the Texas A&M University System.

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

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

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

12 (a) The Board of Regents of The Texas A & M University System may  
13 levy and collect from each student at any institution of higher  
14 education which is a part of The Texas A & M University System a  
15 ~~compulsory group hospital and medical services fee~~ student health  
16 services fee not to exceed \$75 for each regular semester and not to  
17 exceed \$~~25~~ 37.50 for each term of each summer session. The  
18 ~~compulsory group hospital and medical services fee~~ student health  
19 services fee may not be levied unless the levy of the fee has been  
20 approved by a majority vote of those students at the affected  
21 institution participating in a general student election called for  
22 that purpose.

23 (b) In addition to the fee authorized under Subsection (a)  
24 of this section, the Board of Regents of The Texas A & M University

1 System may levy and collect from each student registered at Prairie  
2 View A & M University a supplemental group hospital and medical  
3 services fee not to exceed \$30 for each regular semester and not to  
4 exceed \$12.50 for each term of the summer session. The supplemental  
5 group hospital and medical services fee may not be levied unless the  
6 levy of the fee has been approved by a majority vote of the students  
7 registered at Prairie View A & M University participating in a  
8 general election called for that purpose.

9 (c) At Texas A&M University-College Station the fee shall  
10 not exceed \$125 for each regular semester and is not to exceed  
11 \$62.50 for each term of each summer session. The fee may not be  
12 increased to an amount that exceeds 10 percent or more of the total  
13 amount of the fee that is in effect on September 1, 2009, or as last  
14 approved by a student vote under this subsection unless the  
15 increase has been approved by a majority vote of the students  
16 participating in a general election called for that purpose or a  
17 majority vote of the Student Government.

18 (d) A fee levied under this section at a component  
19 institution of The Texas A & M University System may be used ~~only~~ to  
20 provide hospital or other medical services to students registered  
21 at that component institution and for financing, constructing,  
22 maintaining, and improving new and existing health facilities.

23 (e) If, in an academic year, the total compulsory fee  
24 charged under this section is more than 10 percent higher than the  
25 compulsory fee charged under this section for the previous academic  
26 year, the increase does not take effect unless the increase is  
27 approved by a majority vote of the students voting in an election

1 held for that purpose.

2       (f) If, in an academic year, the total compulsory fee  
3 charged under this section is proposed to be increased by an amount  
4 less than 10 percent over that charged in the previous academic  
5 year, the Board of Regents of The Texas A & M University System may,  
6 in lieu of an election, hold a public meeting on the increase prior  
7 to its taking effect in which students have the opportunity to  
8 comment.

9       (g) An election under this section must also permit the  
10 students to vote on whether hospital and medical services should be  
11 provided to students at the institution by the institution or by a  
12 private entity. The vote by the students on the responsibility for  
13 provision of hospital and medical services to students at the  
14 institution is not binding on the institution.

15       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect on September 1, 2009.