

1-1 By: Ogden S.B. No. 2351
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 13, 2009; March 31, 2009, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;
1-4 April 30, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; April 30, 2009,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2351 By: Duncan

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to a student health services fee at component institutions
1-11 of The Texas A&M University System and to authorizing the
1-12 financing, construction, maintenance, and improvement of health
1-13 facilities with the fee at the institutions.

1-14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-15 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 54.507, Education Code,
1-16 is amended to read as follows:

1-17 Sec. 54.507. STUDENT HEALTH [~~GROUP HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL~~]
1-18 SERVICES FEE [~~FEES~~]; TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.

1-19 SECTION 2. Section 54.507, Education Code, is amended by
1-20 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
1-21 read as follows:

1-22 (a) The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System
1-23 may charge [~~levy and collect from~~] each student enrolled at a
1-24 component [~~any~~] institution of [~~higher education which is a part~~
1-25 ~~of~~] The Texas A&M University System a student health [~~compulsory~~
1-26 ~~group hospital and medical~~] services fee not to exceed \$75 for each
1-27 regular semester and not to exceed \$25 for each summer term [~~of each~~
1-28 ~~summer session~~]. The student health [~~compulsory group hospital and~~
1-29 ~~medical~~] services fee may not be charged [~~levied~~] unless [~~the levy~~
1-30 ~~of~~] the fee has been approved by a majority vote of those students
1-31 at the affected institution participating in a general student
1-32 election called for that purpose.

1-33 (a-1) This subsection applies only to Texas A&M University
1-34 in College Station. Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the Board of
1-35 Regents of The Texas A&M University System may charge each student
1-36 enrolled at an institution to which this subsection applies a
1-37 student health services fee not to exceed \$100 for each regular
1-38 semester or \$50 for each summer term. The fee may not be increased
1-39 by more than 10 percent of the total amount of the fee that is in
1-40 effect on September 1, 2009, or as last approved by a student vote
1-41 under this section, if applicable, unless the increase has been
1-42 approved by a majority vote of the students voting in an election
1-43 held for that purpose.

1-44 (c) A fee charged [~~levied~~] under this section at a component
1-45 institution of The Texas A&M University System may be used [~~only~~] to
1-46 provide hospital or other medical services to students registered
1-47 at that component institution and for financing, constructing,
1-48 maintaining, and improving new and existing student health
1-49 facilities at that institution.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2009 fall
1-51 semester.

1-52 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-53 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-54 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-55 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-56 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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