

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Dan Branch, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB473** by Estes (Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at the University of North Texas.), **As Engrossed**

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| <b>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b> |
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Under provisions of the bill, the University of North Texas System may charge each student enrolled at the University of North Texas an intercollegiate athletics fee in the amount not to exceed \$10 per semester credit hour for each semester or summer session. The fee could not be charged before the first semester a new football stadium is available for use at the university. If compulsory student services fees are charged to students enrolled at the university, the total amount of those fees charged to a student shall be reduced by \$3 per semester credit hour for the first semester in which the intercollegiate fee is charged. The fee may not be charged unless approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a general student election held for that purpose. The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that academic year, the university has issued bonds payable from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

The University of North Texas System indicates that the implementation of the fee will coincide with the opening of the stadium projected to be in Fall 2011. Beginning in fiscal year 2012, the System estimates that the fee would generate approximately \$6.2 million with slight increases in the subsequent years.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 769 University of North Texas System Administration

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