

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Coleman

H.B. No. 2954

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at Texas Southern University.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.522, Education Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a), (c), and (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a) The board of regents of Texas Southern University may impose on each student enrolled in the university ~~[levy and collect]~~ a student fee not to exceed \$75 ~~[\$35]~~ per student for each semester of the regular term ~~[long session]~~ and not to exceed \$37.50 ~~[\$17.50]~~ per student for each summer term ~~[of the summer session, from each student enrolled in Texas Southern University]~~, as the board determines ~~[may in its discretion be just and]~~ necessary for the purpose of operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping the student center and acquiring or constructing additions to the student center. A fee collected under this section is in addition to any other use or service fee authorized to be imposed ~~[levied]~~.

(c) The student fee advisory committee annually shall submit to the board of regents a complete and itemized budget for the student center with a complete report of all student center activities conducted during the past year and all expenditures made in connection with those activities. The board of regents may make changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary.

1 After approving the budget, the board of regents, in accordance  
2 with this section, may impose [~~levy~~] the student center fees for  
3 that year in amounts sufficient to meet the budgetary needs of the  
4 student center.

5 (e) A fee imposed [~~levied~~] under this section may not be  
6 considered in determining the maximum student services fee that may  
7 be charged under Section 54.503(b).

8 (f) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year  
9 in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that  
10 academic year, the university has issued bonds payable in whole or  
11 in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after  
12 the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding  
13 bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid.

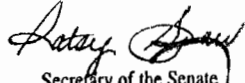
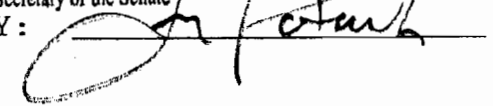
14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies  
15 beginning with student fees charged by a public institution of  
16 higher education for the 2009-2010 academic year. Student fees  
17 charged by a public institution of higher education for an academic  
18 year before that academic year are covered by the law in effect  
19 before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is  
20 continued in effect for that purpose.

21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
22 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
23 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
24 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
25 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

# ADOPTED

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FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

  
Secretary of the Senate  
BY: 

1 Amend H.B. No. 2954 (Senate committee report) as follows:

2 (1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in the recital (page 1, line  
3 12) strike "Subsections (a), (c), and (e)" and substitute  
4 "Subsections (a), (c), (d), and (e)".

5 (2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, immediately following amended  
6 Section 54.522(c), Education Code (page 1, between lines 34 and  
7 35), insert the following:

8 (d) The board may not increase the amount of the student  
9 center fee [~~by more than 10 percent~~] in any academic year unless the  
10 amount of the increase is approved by a majority of the students  
11 voting in an election held for that purpose or by a majority of the  
12 student government of the institution.



**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 28, 2009**

**TO:** Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

**IN RE: HB2954** by Coleman (Relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at Texas Southern University.), **As Passed 2nd House**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

Under provisions of the bill, Texas Southern University may impose a student fee in an amount not to exceed \$75 for each regular term or \$37.50 for each summer term. Under current law the fee may not exceed \$35 for each long session or \$17.50 for each summer session. The fee is used for operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping the student center and acquiring or constructing additions to the student center.

The university estimates that if the fee was collected at the maximum rate provided under the bill the fee would generate approximately \$1.4 million per year. The board may not increase the amount of the student center fee in any academic year unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority of the students voting in an election held for that purpose or by a majority of the student government of the institution,

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 717 Texas Southern University

**LBB Staff:** JOB, KK, RT, SSh, SK



**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

Austin, Texas

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

May 11, 2009

**TO:** Honorable Judith Zaffirini, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education

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

**IN RE: HB2954** by Coleman (Relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at Texas Southern University.), **As Engrossed**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 24, 2009**

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

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

**IN RE: HB2954** by Coleman (relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at Texas Southern University.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 31, 2009**

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

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

**IN RE: HB2954** by Coleman (Relating to authorizing an increase in the student center fee at Texas Southern University.), **As Introduced**

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