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H.B. No. 3741

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M
3 University.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 54.5399, to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.5399. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; TEXAS A&M
8 UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of The Texas A&M University
9 System may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee on each student
10 enrolled at Texas A&M University. The fee may not be imposed unless
11 approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a
12 general student election held at the university for that purpose.

13 (b) The amount of the fee may not exceed \$4 per semester
14 credit hour for each semester with a duration of 12 weeks or more,
15 unless the amount is increased as provided by Subsection (c).

16 (c) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount
17 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as
18 last approved by a student vote under Subsection (a) or this
19 subsection unless the increase is approved by a majority vote of the
20 students participating in a general student election held for that
21 purpose.

22 (d) The amount of the fee imposed on a student in a semester
23 with a duration of 12 weeks or more may not exceed the amount of the
24 fee imposed on a student enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during

1 the same semester.

2 (e) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop
3 and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the
4 university.

5 (f) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any
6 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining
7 the amount of student services fees that may be imposed under
8 Section 54.503(b).

9 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
10 to a fee imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the
11 effective date of this Act.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.