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S.B. No. 1121

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the student fees for the university center at
Midwestern State University.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.518, Education Code, is amended by
amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read
as follows:

(a) To the extent approved by the students under Subsection
(b) [~~of this section~~], the Board of Regents of Midwestern State
University is hereby authorized to levy a regular, fixed student
fee not to exceed, except as authorized under Subsection (d), \$15
per student for each semester of the long session and not to exceed
\$7.50 per student for all or part of each term of the summer session
for the purpose of operating, maintaining, improving, equipping,
and financing the university center and acquiring or constructing
additions to the center. The amount of the fee may be changed at any
time within the limits specified by this subsection in order to
provide sufficient funds to support the university center. The
fees authorized in this section supplement any other use or service
fee authorized by law.

(b) The decision to levy such a fee, the amount of the
initial fee, and any increase in the fee within the limits specified
by Subsection (a) must be approved by a majority vote of those
students participating in a general election called for that

1 purpose.

2 (d) The board may increase the amount of the fee for a
3 semester or summer session in excess of the applicable amount
4 provided by Subsection (a) if the increase is approved by a majority
5 vote of those students participating in a general election called
6 for that purpose. The increased amount under this subsection may
7 not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the increased
8 amount is first charged unless, before the end of that academic
9 year, the institution has issued bonds payable from the fee, in
10 which event the increased amount may not be charged after the
11 academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding bonds
12 for those bonds, have been fully paid.

13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
14 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the
15 effective date of this Act.

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