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H.B. No. 3792

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas Southern  
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 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.5223. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE: TEXAS  
8 SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of Texas Southern  
9 University may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee on each  
10 student enrolled at Texas Southern University in an amount not to  
11 exceed \$10 per semester credit hour.

12 (b) The amount of the fee imposed on a student in a semester  
13 or session may not exceed the amount of the fee imposed on a student  
14 enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during the same semester or  
15 session.

16 (c) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority  
17 vote of the students of the university participating in a general  
18 student election held for that purpose. (d) The amount of the fee  
19 per semester credit hour may be increased from one academic year to  
20 the next only if approved by a majority vote of the students of the  
21 university participating in a general student election held for  
22 that purpose.

23 (e) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop  
24 and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the

1 university.

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

6 (g) The fee may not be charged after the fifth academic year  
7 in which the fee is first charged unless, before the end of that  
8 academic year, the university has issued bonds payable in whole or  
9 in part from the fee, in which event the fee may not be charged after  
10 the academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding  
11 bonds for those bonds, have been fully paid- or unless reauthorized  
12 by a majority vote of the students of the university participating  
13 in a general student election held for that purpose.

14 SECTION 2. This Act will take effect September 1, 2014.