

AN ACT

relating to the intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M University--Texarkana; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.53975 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.53975. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEES; TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY--TEXARKANA. (a) The board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may impose on each student enrolled at Texas A&M University--Texarkana an intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to exceed \$9 per semester credit hour for each regular semester or summer session unless the amount of the fee is increased as provided by Subsection (c).

(b) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority vote of the students of the university who participate in a general student election held for that purpose.

(c) The amount of the fee per semester credit hour may be increased from one academic year to the next only if approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a general student election held for that purpose or, if the amount of the increase does not exceed five percent, by a majority vote of the legislative body of the student government of the university.

(d) A student enrolled in more than 12 semester credit hours shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a

1 student enrolled in 12 semester credit hours during the same  
2 semester or session.

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

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

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

16 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2013 fall  
17 semester.

18 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 691 passed the Senate on May 2, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 691 passed the House on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 6, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor