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S.B. No. 1145

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the intercollegiate athletics fee at Prairie View A&M University; authorizing an increase in the fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subsections (a), (b), and (f), Section 54.5393, Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The board of regents of The Texas A&M University System may impose an intercollegiate athletics fee on each student enrolled at Prairie View A&M University in an amount not to exceed \$12.60 [~~\$10~~] per semester credit hour, unless the amount is increased as provided by Subsection (b).

(b) The amount of the fee per semester credit hour may be increased from one academic year to the next if:

(1) the increase is approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a general student election held at the university for that purpose; or

(2) the amount of the increase does not exceed five percent and is approved by a majority vote of the legislative body of the student government of the university [~~imposed on a student in a semester or session may not exceed the amount of the fee imposed on a student enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during the same semester or session~~].

(f) This section expires September 1, 2018 [~~2013~~], except that this section does not expire if before the end of the 2017-2018

1 [2012-2013] academic year the board of regents issues bonds that
2 are payable wholly or partly from the fee. If the board of regents
3 issues bonds as described by this subsection, the fee authorized by
4 this section may not be imposed in any semester or session beginning
5 after the date on which all of those bonds, including refunding
6 bonds for the bonds, have been fully paid.

7 SECTION 2. Subsections (a) and (b), Section 54.5393,
8 Education Code, as amended by this Act, apply only to a fee imposed
9 for a semester that begins on or after the effective date of this
10 Act.

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