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H.B. No. 671

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Stephen F. Austin State University; authorizing imposition of 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 54.5202 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5202. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of Stephen F. Austin State University may charge each student enrolled at the university an intercollegiate athletics fee in an initial amount not to exceed \$10 per semester credit hour for each semester or summer session. The amount of the fee may be increased only as provided by Subsection (f).

(b) The board of regents may prorate the amount of the fee for a summer session.

(c) A student enrolled in more than 15 semester credit hours shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a student enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during the same semester or session.

(d) Revenue from the fee charged under this section may be used only for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, or improving an athletic facility or for operating an intercollegiate athletics program at the university.

(e) The fee may not be charged unless approved by a majority

1 vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a  
2 general student election held for that purpose.

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

9 (g) The chief fiscal officer of the university shall collect  
10 the fee and shall deposit the revenue from the fee in an account to  
11 be known as the intercollegiate athletics fee account.

12 (h) A fee charged under this section is not considered in  
13 determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may be  
14 charged each student enrolled at the university under Section  
15 [54.503](#).

16 SECTION 2. 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, 2015.