

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 671 was passed by the House on April 16, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 130, Nays 16, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 671 was passed by the Senate on May 19, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor