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H.B. No. 671

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Stephen F. Austin  
3 State University; authorizing imposition of a fee.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 54.5202 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 54.5202. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; STEPHEN F.  
8 AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of Stephen F.  
9 Austin State University may charge each student enrolled at the  
10 university an intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to  
11 exceed \$10 per semester credit hour for each semester or summer  
12 session.

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

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

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

23 (e) The fee may not be charged unless approved by a majority  
24 vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a

1 general student election held for that purpose.

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
17 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.