

1-1 By: Clardy (Senate Sponsor - Nichols) H.B. No. 671
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;
 1-3 May 5, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 13, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 13, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Stephen F. Austin
 1-18 State University; authorizing imposition of a fee.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Section 54.5202 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 54.5202. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEE; STEPHEN F.
 1-23 AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY. (a) The board of regents of Stephen F.
 1-24 Austin State University may charge each student enrolled at the
 1-25 university an intercollegiate athletics fee in an initial amount
 1-26 not to exceed \$10 per semester credit hour for each semester or
 1-27 summer session. The amount of the fee may be increased only as
 1-28 provided by Subsection (f).

1-29 (b) The board of regents may prorate the amount of the fee
 1-30 for a summer session.

1-31 (c) A student enrolled in more than 15 semester credit hours
 1-32 shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a
 1-33 student enrolled in 15 semester credit hours during the same
 1-34 semester or session.

1-35 (d) Revenue from the fee charged under this section may be
 1-36 used only for financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, or
 1-37 improving an athletic facility or for operating an intercollegiate
 1-38 athletics program at the university.

1-39 (e) The fee may not be charged unless approved by a majority
 1-40 vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a
 1-41 general student election held for that purpose.

1-42 (f) The amount of the fee per semester credit hour may be
 1-43 increased from one academic year to the next only if approved by a
 1-44 majority vote of the students participating in a general student
 1-45 election held for that purpose or, if the amount of the increase
 1-46 does not exceed five percent, by a majority vote of the legislative
 1-47 body of the student government of the university.

1-48 (g) The chief fiscal officer of the university shall collect
 1-49 the fee and shall deposit the revenue from the fee in an account to
 1-50 be known as the intercollegiate athletics fee account.

1-51 (h) A fee charged under this section is not considered in
 1-52 determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may be
 1-53 charged each student enrolled at the university under Section
 1-54 54.503.

1-55 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-56 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-57 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-58 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-59 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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