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S.B. No. 596

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 596:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the imposition of the student centers fee at Texas  
3 Woman's University.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.525, Education Code, is amended by  
6 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read  
7 as follows:

8 (a) The board of regents of Texas Woman's University may  
9 levy a regular, fixed student fee of not less than \$25 or more than  
10 \$75 [~~\$40~~] per student for each semester of the long session and of  
11 not less than \$12.50 or more than \$35 [~~\$20~~] per student for each  
12 term of the summer session, as the board determines is just and  
13 necessary for the purpose of financing, improving, operating,  
14 maintaining, and equipping student centers and acquiring or  
15 constructing additions to student centers.

16 (c) Revenue from a fee imposed under this section shall be  
17 deposited to the credit of an account known as the "Texas Woman's  
18 University Student Center Fee Account" under the control of the  
19 university's student fee advisory committee. Annually, the  
20 committee shall submit to the president of the university its  
21 recommendation for any change to the amount of the fee and a  
22 complete and itemized budget for the student center together with a  
23 complete report of all student center activities conducted during  
24 the past year and all expenditures made in connection with those

1 activities. The president shall submit the budget to the board of  
2 regents as part of the university's institutional budget. The  
3 board of regents may make changes in the budget that the board  
4 determines are necessary [~~The board shall keep fees collected under~~  
5 ~~this section in an account apart from the educational and general~~  
6 ~~funds of the university. The board shall deposit the fees in a~~  
7 ~~depository bank designated by the board and shall secure the~~  
8 ~~deposits as required by law~~].

9 (d) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the board may increase  
10 the amount of the fee for a semester or summer session to an amount  
11 that does not exceed \$150 if the increase is approved by a majority  
12 vote of those students participating in a general election called  
13 for that purpose. The increased amount under this subsection may  
14 not be charged after the fifth academic year in which the increased  
15 amount is first charged unless, before the end of that academic  
16 year, the institution has issued bonds payable from the fee, in  
17 which event the increased amount may not be charged after the  
18 academic year in which all such bonds, including refunding bonds  
19 for those bonds, have been fully paid.

20 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
21 to fees imposed for a semester or term that begins on or after the  
22 effective date of this Act.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
24 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
25 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
26 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
27 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.