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S.B. No. 537

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring the disclosure of special course fees at public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.0051 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.0051. REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF COURSE FEES IN COURSE CATALOG. Each institution of higher education shall include in the institution's course catalog, for each course listed in the catalog, a description and the amount of any special course fee, including an online access fee or lab fee, to be charged specifically for the course.

SECTION 2. Section 54.0051, Education Code, as added by this Act, applies beginning with course catalogs published for the 2018-2019 academic year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.