

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. DISCLOSURE OF COURSE FEES IN COURSE CATALOG.

Each institution of higher education shall include in the institution's online 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. If the institution publishes a paper course catalog, the institution may publish any fees specifically charged for each course using the amounts charged in the most recent academic year.

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 537 passed the Senate on May 3, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 537 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor