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S.B. No. 537

Substitute the following for S.B. No. 537:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to requiring the disclosure of special course fees at  
3 public institutions of higher education.

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

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

7 Sec. 54.0051. DISCLOSURE OF COURSE FEES IN COURSE CATALOG.

8 Each institution of higher education shall include in the  
9 institution's online course catalog, for each course listed in the  
10 catalog, a description and the amount of any special course fee,  
11 including an online access fee or lab fee, to be charged  
12 specifically for the course. If the institution publishes a paper  
13 course catalog, the institution may publish any fees specifically  
14 charged for each course using the amounts charged in the most recent  
15 academic year.

16 SECTION 2. Section 54.0051, Education Code, as added by  
17 this Act, applies beginning with course catalogs published for the  
18 2018-2019 academic year.

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