

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 537  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 19, 2017; February 8, 2017,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
 1-4 April 27, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 7,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 27, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Seliger	X			
1-8 West	X			
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Buckingham	X			
1-11 Menéndez	X			
1-12 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-13 Watson	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to requiring the disclosure of special course fees at  
 1-18 public institutions of higher education.

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

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
 1-21 amended by adding Section 54.0051 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 54.0051. REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF COURSE FEES IN COURSE  
 1-23 CATALOG. Each institution of higher education shall include in the  
 1-24 institution's course catalog, for each course listed in the  
 1-25 catalog, a description and the amount of any special course fee,  
 1-26 including an online access fee or lab fee, to be charged  
 1-27 specifically for the course.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 54.0051, Education Code, as added by  
 1-29 this Act, applies beginning with course catalogs published for the  
 1-30 2018-2019 academic year.

1-31 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-32 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-33 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-34 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-35 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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