By:  Schaefer (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 2680

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2019; April 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Creighton       X

West            X

Bettencourt     X

Buckingham      X

Flores          X

Menéndez        X

Powell          X

Taylor          X

Watson          X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the student recreational facility fee at The University of Texas at Tyler.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 54.5341(b) and (f), Education Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b)  Unless a higher amount is approved under Subsection (f), the [~~The~~] amount of the fee may not exceed:

(1)  $40 per student for each regular semester;

(2)  $30 per student for each summer session of 12 weeks or longer;

(3)  $15 per student for each summer session of six weeks or more but less than 12 weeks; and

(4)  $10 per student for each summer session that is shorter than six weeks.

(f)  The board may not increase the amount of the recreational facility fee unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority vote of the students participating in a general student election held at the university for that purpose. The ballot proposition for an election under this subsection must clearly state the amount of the proposed fee increase and describe the reason for the proposed fee increase.

SECTION 2.  Section 54.5341, Education Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with fees imposed for the 2019 fall semester.

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, 2019.

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