By:  Turner of Tarrant (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 2718

(In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2019; May 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education; May 19, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute 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

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2718 By:  Powell

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing an increase in the student union fee at The University of Texas at Arlington.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 54.529(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  The board of regents of The University of Texas System may levy a student union fee not to exceed $150 [~~$39~~] per student for each regular semester and not to exceed $75 [~~$19.50~~] per student for each term of the summer session, for the sole purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving the Student Union Building for The University of Texas at Arlington. The [~~; provided, however, that the~~] fee may not be increased above an amount previously levied [~~$15 per student for each regular semester and $7.50 per student for each term of the summer session~~] unless the increase is approved by a majority vote of those students participating in a general election held at the university for that purpose. The ballot proposition for such an election must clearly state the amount of the proposed fee increase and describe the reason for the proposed fee increase. The fees herein authorized to be levied are in addition to any use or service fee now or hereafter authorized to be levied.

SECTION 2.  Section 54.529(a), 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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