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H.B. No. 1439

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the intercollegiate athletics fee at Texas A&M  
University--San Antonio; authorizing a fee.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is  
amended by adding Section 54.53971 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.53971. INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FEES; TEXAS A&M  
UNIVERSITY--SAN ANTONIO. (a) The board of regents of The Texas A&M  
University System may impose on each student enrolled at Texas A&M  
University--San Antonio an intercollegiate athletics fee in an  
amount not to exceed \$10 per semester credit hour for each regular  
semester or summer session unless the amount of the fee is increased  
as provided by Subsection (c).

(b) The fee may not be imposed unless approved by a majority  
vote of the students of the university who participate in a general  
student election held for that purpose.

(c) The amount of the fee per semester credit hour may be  
increased from one academic year to the next only if approved by a  
majority vote of the students participating in a general student  
election held for that purpose or, if the amount of the increase  
does not exceed five percent, by a majority vote of the legislative  
body of the student government of the university.

(d) A student enrolled in more than 12 semester credit hours  
shall pay the fee in an amount equal to the amount imposed on a

1 student enrolled in 12 semester credit hours during the same  
2 semester or session.

3 (e) A fee imposed under this section may be used to develop  
4 and maintain an intercollegiate athletics program at the  
5 university.

6 (f) A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any  
7 other fee authorized by law and may not be considered in determining  
8 the amount of student services fees that may be imposed under  
9 Section [54.503](#).

10 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019 fall  
11 semester.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
14 provided by Section [39](#), Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.