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H.B. No. 3312

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing a recreation and wellness center fee at the University of Houston-Victoria.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5406 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5406. RECREATION AND WELLNESS CENTER FEE; UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA. (a) The board of regents of the University of Houston System may charge each student enrolled at the University of Houston-Victoria a recreation and wellness center fee. The fee may be used only for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping a recreation and wellness center at the University of Houston-Victoria. A fee charged under this section is in addition to any use or service fee authorized to be charged under other law.

(b) The recreation and wellness center fee may not be charged unless the charging of the fee is approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the university participating in a general student election held for that purpose.

(c) The amount of a fee charged under this section may not exceed:

(1) \$150 per student for each regular semester;

(2) \$100 per student for each summer session of 10 weeks or longer; or

1 (3) \$50 per student for each summer session of less
2 than 10 weeks.

3 (d) Revenue from a fee charged under this section shall be
4 deposited to the credit of an account known as the University of
5 Houston-Victoria Recreation and Wellness Center Fee Account under
6 the control of the university's student fee advisory committee.
7 Annually, the committee shall submit to the president of the
8 university its recommendation for any change to the amount of the
9 fee and a complete and itemized budget for the recreation and
10 wellness center together with a complete report of all recreation
11 and wellness center activities conducted during the past year and
12 all expenditures made in connection with those activities. The
13 president shall submit the budget to the board of regents as part of
14 the university's institutional budget. The board of regents may
15 make changes in the budget that the board determines are necessary.

16 (e) The board of regents may increase the amount of a fee
17 charged under this section, except that a fee increase by 10 percent
18 or more of the amount of the fee charged during the preceding
19 academic year must be approved by a majority vote of students
20 enrolled at the university participating in a general student
21 election held for that purpose.

22 (f) The recreation and wellness center fee is not considered
23 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may
24 be charged under Section 54.503.

25 (g) For purposes of determining whether to waive the
26 imposition of the fee as provided under Section 54.5035, a student
27 is not reasonably able to use the recreation and wellness center for

1 which a fee is imposed under this section if the student lives more
2 than 50 miles outside the corporate limits of Victoria, Texas.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.