

By: Perez of El Paso

H.B. No. 2853

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to student union building fees at The University of Texas
3 at El Paso.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 54.535, Education Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and
7 (a-3) to read as follows:

8 (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System
9 may levy a student union fee in an amount not to exceed \$150 [~~\$30~~]
10 per student for each semester or term of 10 [~~regular semester or~~
11 ~~each summer session of six~~] weeks or more, and not to exceed \$75
12 [~~\$15~~] per student for any other semester or term [~~each summer~~
13 ~~session of less than six weeks~~], for the sole purpose of financing,
14 constructing, operating, maintaining, and improving a student
15 union building for The University of Texas at El Paso, including
16 demolition of the existing student union building; provided,
17 however, that the fee may not be increased to an amount that exceeds
18 by at least 10 percent the amount of the fee levied during the
19 preceding academic year, [~~above \$15 per student for each regular~~
20 ~~semester or each summer session of six weeks or more and \$7.50 per~~
21 ~~student for each summer session of less than six weeks~~] unless the
22 increase is approved by a majority vote of [~~those~~] students
23 enrolled at the university participating in a general student
24 election held for that purpose. The fees herein authorized to be

1 levied are in addition to any use or service fee now or hereafter
2 authorized to be levied.

3 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for a semester or
4 term before the 2026 fall semester, the amount of a fee levied under
5 this section may not exceed:

6 (1) \$70 per student for a semester or term of 10 weeks
7 or more; or

8 (2) \$35 per student for a semester or term not
9 described by Subdivision (1).

10 (a-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for a semester or
11 term of the 2026-2027 academic year, the amount of a fee levied
12 under this section may not exceed:

13 (1) \$120 per student for a semester or term of 10 weeks
14 or more; or

15 (2) \$60 per student for a semester or term not
16 described by Subdivision (1).

17 (a-3) Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) and this subsection
18 expire September 1, 2027.

19 SECTION 2. Section [54.535](#), Education Code, as amended by
20 this Act, applies beginning with student union fees collected for
21 the 2026 spring semester.

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.