

AN ACT

relating to the imposition of certain fees on students enrolled at The University of Texas at Dallas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Sections 54.5311, 54.5312, and 54.5313 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5311. TRANSPORTATION FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at The University of Texas at Dallas a transportation fee in an amount not to exceed \$18 for each regular semester or \$9 for each term of the summer session, for the sole purpose of financing transportation services, including capital expenses, for students enrolled in the university.

(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 may not be increased to an amount that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as last approved by a student vote under Subsection (b) or this subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a general student election held for that purpose.

1 (d) Revenue from the fee must be deposited in an account
2 known as The University of Texas at Dallas Transportation Fee
3 Account and must be expended in accordance with a budget submitted
4 to and approved by the board. The board shall make any changes in
5 the budget the board considers necessary before approving the
6 budget and shall impose the fee, within the limits provided by this
7 section, in an amount sufficient to meet the budget as approved.

8 (e) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered
9 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may
10 be charged under Section 54.503.

11 (f) The university shall hold in reserve any fee revenue
12 under this section that exceeds the amount necessary to meet the
13 current expenses of the transportation services and shall apply
14 that excess revenue only to future expenses of the transportation
15 services.

16 Sec. 54.5312. STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING FEE; THE UNIVERSITY
17 OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents of The University of
18 Texas System may impose on each student enrolled at The University
19 of Texas at Dallas a student services building fee for the sole
20 purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, and
21 improving a student services building at the university.

22 (b) A fee imposed under this section may not exceed:

23 (1) \$71 per student for each regular semester or
24 summer term of 12 weeks or longer;

25 (2) \$47.33 per student for each summer term of eight
26 weeks or longer but less than 12 weeks; or

27 (3) \$35 per student for each summer term of less than

1 eight weeks.

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

5 (d) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount
6 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as
7 last approved by a student vote under Subsection (c) or this
8 subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote
9 of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a
10 general student election held for that purpose.

11 (e) Revenue from the fee must be deposited in an account
12 known as The University of Texas at Dallas Student Services
13 Building Fee Account.

14 (f) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered
15 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may
16 be charged under Section 54.503.

17 (g) The board may pledge revenue from the fee imposed under
18 this section for the payment of obligations issued for authorized
19 purposes pursuant to the revenue financing system of The University
20 of Texas System.

21 Sec. 54.5313. INTRAMURAL AND INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS
22 FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS. (a) The board of regents
23 of The University of Texas System may impose on each student
24 enrolled at The University of Texas at Dallas an intramural and
25 intercollegiate athletics fee in an amount not to exceed:

26 (1) \$45 per student for each semester or summer term of
27 12 weeks or longer;

1 (2) \$30 per student for each summer term of eight weeks
2 or longer but less than 12 weeks; or

3 (3) \$22.50 per student for each summer term of less
4 than eight weeks.

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

8 (c) The amount of the fee may not be increased to an amount
9 that exceeds by 10 percent or more the total amount of the fee as
10 last approved by a student vote under Subsection (b) or this
11 subsection unless the increase has been approved by a majority vote
12 of the students enrolled at the university who participate in a
13 general student election held for that purpose.

14 (d) A fee imposed under this section may not be considered
15 in determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may
16 be charged under Section 54.503.

17 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2007 fall
18 semester.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

S.B. No. 285

David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

Jim Caddick
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 285 passed the Senate on April 11, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Latelye Graw
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 285 passed the House on May 17, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor

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JUN 15 2007

Roger Williams
Secretary of State



OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

MESSAGE

I am allowing House Bill No. 3114, Senate Bill No. 161, Senate Bill No. 285, and Senate Bill No. 1495 to become law without my signature. I would note that many of the legislators who have vigorously opposed the rising cost of tuition since its deregulation voted for these fee increases, which in some cases will substantially increase the cost of education.

These bills create intercollegiate athletic fees designed to develop and maintain athletics programs at various institutions. I support the students' desires to have intercollegiate athletics programs on their campuses; however, there are other funding sources available to institutions of higher education to provide for these activities.

Because students can vote on these fee increases, I am letting these bills become law without my signature. In addition, I would encourage the chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House Appropriations Committee to study these fees and their uses prior to the next legislative session to ensure that students are not being charged unnecessarily.

For these reasons, I am allowing Senate Bill No. 285 to become law without my signature.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have signed my name officially
and caused the Seal of the State
to be affixed hereto at Austin,
this 15th day of June, 2007.

Rick Perry
RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams
ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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