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H.B. No. 2568

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing a student 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 54.5405 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5405. STUDENT CENTER FEE; UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-VICTORIA. (a) The board of regents of the University of Houston System may impose on each student enrolled at the University of Houston-Victoria a student center fee to be used only for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping a student center at the university. A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any use or service fee authorized to be imposed under other law.

(b) The amount of the initial fee imposed under this section must be 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 imposed 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
- (3) \$50 per student for each summer session of less

1 than 10 weeks.

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

15 (e) The board of regents may increase the amount of a fee
16 imposed under this section, except that the board may not increase
17 the amount of the fee to an amount that exceeds by more than 10
18 percent the amount of the fee imposed during the preceding academic
19 year unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority
20 vote of students enrolled at the university participating in a
21 general student election held for that purpose.

22 (f) For purposes of determining whether to waive the
23 imposition of the fee as provided under Section 54.5035, a student
24 is not reasonably able to use the student center for which a fee is
25 imposed under this section if the student lives more than 50 miles
26 outside the corporate limits of Victoria, Texas.

27 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.