

## CHAPTER 497

## S.B. No. 640

An Act relating to the amount of laboratory charges collected at a junior college; amending Section 54.501, Education Code.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 54.501, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

“Section 54.501. **LABORATORY FEES.** An institution of higher education may make and collect a laboratory charge in an amount sufficient to cover in general the cost of laboratory materials and supplies used by a student. *For an institution other than a public junior college, the [The] laboratory charge shall be not less than \$2 nor more than \$8 for any one semester or summer term for any student in any one laboratory course, but shall not exceed the cost of actual materials and supplies used by the student. For a public junior college, the laboratory charge shall be not more than \$24 for any one semester or summer term for any student in any one laboratory course, but shall not exceed the cost of actual materials and supplies used by the student.*”

**SECTION 2.** This Act applies to laboratory charges collected beginning with the fall semester, 1985.

**SECTION 3.** The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on May 13, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on May 20, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 5, three present not voting.

Approved: June 12, 1985

Effective: Immediately