

CHAPTER 990

S.B. No. 637

AN ACT

relating to the collection of medical services fees by certain public institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Section 54.507, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 54.507. **GROUP HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES FEES; TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.** (a) The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System may levy and collect from each student at any institution of higher education which is a part of The Texas A&M University System a compulsory group hospital and medical services fee of not to exceed \$25 for each regular semester and not to exceed \$12.50 for each term of each summer session. The compulsory group hospital and medical services fee may not be levied unless the levy of the fee has been approved by a majority vote of those students at the affected institution participating in a general student election called for that purpose.

(b) *In addition to the fee authorized under Subsection (a) of this section, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System may levy and collect from each student registered at Prairie View A&M University a supplemental group hospital and medical services fee not to exceed \$30 for each regular semester and not to exceed \$12.50 for each term of the summer session. The supplemental group hospital and medical services fee may not be levied unless the levy of the fee has been approved by a majority vote of the students registered at Prairie View A&M University participating in a general election called for that purpose.*

(c) *A fee levied under this section at a component institution of The Texas A&M University System may be used only to provide hospital or other medical services to students registered at that component institution.*

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.5089 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.5089. **MEDICAL SERVICES FEE; TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM COMPONENTS.** (a) *The board of regents of the Texas State University System may charge each student registered at a component institution of the Texas State University System a medical services fee not to exceed \$55 for each semester of the regular term or 12-week summer session and not to exceed \$25 for each six-week or shorter term of the summer session.*

(b) *Before charging a medical services fee, the board must give students and administrators an opportunity to offer recommendations to the board as to the type and scope of medical services that should be provided.*

(c) *A medical services fee charged at a component institution of the Texas State University System may be used only to provide medical services to students registered at that component institution.*

(d) *A medical services fee charged under this section is in addition to any other fee the board is authorized by law to charge and may not be considered in determining the maximum student services fee that may be charged students enrolled at a component institution of the Texas State University System under Section 54.503(b) of this code.*

SECTION 3. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 54.50891 to read as follows:

Sec. 54.50891. MEDICAL SERVICES FEE; THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM COMPONENTS. (a) The board of regents of The University of Texas System may charge each student registered at a component institution of The University of Texas System a medical services fee not to exceed \$55 for each semester of the regular term or 12-week summer session and not to exceed \$25 for each six-week or shorter term of the summer session.

(b) Before charging a medical services fee, the board must give students and administrators an opportunity to offer recommendations to the board as to the type and scope of medical services that should be provided.

(c) A medical services fee charged at a component institution of The University of Texas System may be used only to provide medical services to students registered at that component institution.

(d) A medical services fee charged under this section is in addition to any other fee the board is authorized by law to charge and may not be considered in determining the maximum student services fee that may be charged students enrolled at a component institution of The University of Texas System.

SECTION 4. (a) The changes in law made by this Act to Section 54.507, Education Code, apply beginning with the fall semester in 1993.

(b) Sections 54.5089 and 54.50891, Education Code, as added by this Act, apply beginning with the fall semester 1993.

SECTION 5. 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 March 23, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 29, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0; passed the House, with amendment, on May 26, 1993: Yeas 130, Nays 0, one present not voting.

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