

1-1 By: Morrison (Senate Sponsor - Kolkhorst) H.B. No. 2568
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 20, 2015;
 1-3 May 7, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-4 Education; May 21, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 1; May 21, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14	X			

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to authorizing a student center fee at the University of
 1-18 Houston-Victoria.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
 1-21 amended by adding Section 54.5405 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 54.5405. STUDENT CENTER FEE; UNIVERSITY OF
 1-23 HOUSTON-VICTORIA. (a) The board of regents of the University of
 1-24 Houston System may impose on each student enrolled at the
 1-25 University of Houston-Victoria a student center fee to be used only
 1-26 for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating,
 1-27 maintaining, improving, and equipping a student center at the
 1-28 university. A fee imposed under this section is in addition to any
 1-29 use or service fee authorized to be imposed under other law.

1-30 (b) The amount of the initial fee imposed under this section
 1-31 must be approved by a majority vote of the students enrolled at the
 1-32 university participating in a general student election held for
 1-33 that purpose.

1-34 (c) The amount of a fee imposed under this section may not
 1-35 exceed:

- 1-36 (1) \$150 per student for each regular semester;
- 1-37 (2) \$100 per student for each summer session of 10
 1-38 weeks or longer; or
- 1-39 (3) \$50 per student for each summer session of less
 1-40 than 10 weeks.

1-41 (d) Revenue from a fee imposed under this section shall be
 1-42 deposited to the credit of an account known as the "University of
 1-43 Houston-Victoria Student Center Fee Account" under the control of
 1-44 the university's student fee advisory committee. Annually, the
 1-45 committee shall submit to the president of the university its
 1-46 recommendation for any change to the amount of the fee and a
 1-47 complete and itemized budget for the student center together with a
 1-48 complete report of all student center activities conducted during
 1-49 the past year and all expenditures made in connection with those
 1-50 activities. The president shall submit the budget to the board of
 1-51 regents as part of the university's institutional budget. The
 1-52 board of regents may make changes in the budget that the board
 1-53 determines are necessary.

1-54 (e) The board of regents may increase the amount of a fee
 1-55 imposed under this section, except that the board may not increase
 1-56 the amount of the fee to an amount that exceeds by more than 10
 1-57 percent the amount of the fee imposed during the preceding academic
 1-58 year unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority
 1-59 vote of students enrolled at the university participating in a
 1-60 general student election held for that purpose.

1-61 (f) For purposes of determining whether to waive the

2-1 imposition of the fee as provided under Section 54.5035, a student
2-2 is not reasonably able to use the student center for which a fee is
2-3 imposed under this section if the student lives more than 50 miles
2-4 outside the corporate limits of Victoria, Texas.

2-5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-9 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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