

1-1 By: Paul (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Galveston) H.B. No. 2921
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 4, 2015;
1-3 May 13, 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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1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to authorizing a recreation and wellness facility fee at
1-18 the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

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 54.5401 to read as follows:

1-22 Sec. 54.5401. RECREATION AND WELLNESS FACILITY FEE;
1-23 UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON-CLEAR LAKE. (a) The board of regents of the
1-24 University of Houston System may charge each student enrolled at
1-25 the University of Houston-Clear Lake a recreation and wellness
1-26 facility fee. The fee may be used only for the purpose of financing,
1-27 constructing, operating, maintaining, improving, and equipping a
1-28 recreation and wellness facility and for operating recreation and
1-29 wellness programs at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

1-30 (b) The recreation and wellness facility fee may not be
1-31 charged unless the charging of the fee is approved by a majority
1-32 vote of the students enrolled at the university participating in a
1-33 general student election held for that purpose.

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

1-36 (1) \$150 per student for each regular semester;

1-37 (2) \$75 per student for each summer session of eight
1-38 weeks or longer; or

1-39 (3) \$50 per student for each term of the summer session
1-40 of less than eight weeks.

1-41 (d) Revenue from a fee charged under this section shall be
1-42 deposited to the credit of an account known as the University of
1-43 Houston-Clear Lake Recreation and Wellness Facility Fee Account.

1-44 (e) The board of regents may increase the amount of a fee
1-45 charged under this section, except that the board may not increase
1-46 the amount of the fee to an amount that exceeds by more than 10
1-47 percent the amount of the fee charged during the preceding academic
1-48 year unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority
1-49 vote of students enrolled at the university participating in a
1-50 general student election held for that purpose.

1-51 (f) The recreation and wellness facility fee is not
1-52 considered in determining the maximum amount of student services
1-53 fees that may be charged under Section 54.503.

1-54 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-55 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-56 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-57 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-58 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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