

1-1 By: Perez (Senate Sponsor - Miles) H.B. No. 1277
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2019;
1-3 April 16, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
1-4 Education; May 13, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
1-6 May 13, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-14	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 1277 By: Powell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to authorizing a wellness and success center fee at the
1-22 University of Houston-Downtown.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 54, Education Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 54.5402 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 54.5402. WELLNESS AND SUCCESS CENTER FEE; UNIVERSITY
1-27 OF HOUSTON-DOWNTOWN. (a) The board of regents of the University of
1-28 Houston System may charge each student enrolled at the University
1-29 of Houston-Downtown a wellness and success center fee. The fee may
1-30 be used only for the purpose of financing, constructing, operating,
1-31 maintaining, improving, and equipping a wellness and success center
1-32 and for operating student wellness programs at the University of
1-33 Houston-Downtown.

1-34 (b) The wellness and success center fee may not be charged
1-35 unless the charging of the fee is approved by a majority vote of the
1-36 students enrolled at the university participating in a general
1-37 student election held for that purpose.

1-38 (c) The amount of a fee charged under this section may not
1-39 exceed:

1-40 (1) \$150 per student for each regular semester;

1-41 (2) \$75 per student for each summer session of eight
1-42 weeks or longer; or

1-43 (3) \$50 per student for each term of the summer session
1-44 of less than eight weeks.

1-45 (d) Revenue from a fee charged under this section shall be
1-46 deposited to the credit of an account known as the University of
1-47 Houston-Downtown Wellness and Success Center Fee Account.

1-48 (e) The board of regents may increase the amount of a fee
1-49 charged under this section, except that the board may not increase
1-50 the amount of the fee to an amount that exceeds by more than 10
1-51 percent the amount of the fee charged during the preceding academic
1-52 year unless the amount of the increase is approved by a majority
1-53 vote of students enrolled at the university participating in a
1-54 general student election held for that purpose. The ballot
1-55 proposition for such an election must clearly state the amount of
1-56 the proposed fee increase and describe the reason for the proposed
1-57 fee increase.

1-58 (f) The wellness and success center fee is not considered in
1-59 determining the maximum amount of student services fees that may be
1-60 charged under Section 54.503.

2-1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-5 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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