By Senator Detert

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 An act relating to the State University System; creating s. 1009.245, F.S.; requiring tuition and fees assessed to an undergraduate student to remain constant and not exceed the rate assessed upon initial enrollment under specified circumstances; providing for prospective application; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 1009.245, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1009.245 Four-year guaranteed tuition and fee program.—
Notwithstanding s. 1009.24, the established rate of tuition and fees assessed to an undergraduate student who is a resident for tuition purposes and who is continuously enrolled in the State University System during 4 consecutive academic years, shall remain constant and may not exceed the rate assessed upon initial enrollment. If a student is pursuing an academic program that requires more than 4 years to complete, the rate of tuition and fees shall remain constant for the length of time required to complete the program as determined by the university. This section shall apply prospectively only, beginning with students enrolling for the first time in the State University System during the 2013-2014 academic year.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.