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See HB

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the State University System;
 3 amending s. 240.235, F.S.; authorizing each
 4 university president to submit a plan to the
 5 Board of Regents to increase matriculation and
 6 tuition fees for specified professional
 7 programs; providing a limit on such increase;
 8 specifying certain contents of plans; providing
 9 for the retention of revenue; amending s.
 10 240.4042, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference;
 11 providing an effective date.

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

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 15 Section 1. Present subsections (2) through (9) of
 16 section 240.235, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as
 17 subsection (3) through (10), respectively, and a new
 18 subsection (2) is added to that section to read:

19 240.235 Fees.--

20 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 240 to
 21 the contrary, each university president may submit a plan to
 22 the Board of Regents to increase matriculation and tuition
 23 fees for any one or more of its first-professional programs to
 24 a level not to exceed 110 percent of the average full-time
 25 tuition for the first-professional program as reported by the
 26 United States Department of Education National Center for
 27 Education Statistics. For purposes of this subsection,
 28 first-professional programs include dentistry, medicine,
 29 pharmacy, veterinary medicine, and law. The plan may provide
 30 for such increases to take place over a period of 3 to 5
 31 years, with automatic adjustments thereafter. If approved by

1 the Board of Regents, the plan shall be implemented without
2 further review or approval. Each plan shall include a
3 provision for need-based financial assistance to those
4 students who may be denied access because of such tuition
5 increases. Any revenue generated as a result of the fee
6 differential established pursuant to this subsection shall be
7 retained by the university. Any limitations on nonresident
8 enrollment shall not apply to the programs covered by this
9 subsection.

10 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 240.4042, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 240.4042 Financial aid appeal process.--

13 (3) A student involved in a financial aid appeal
14 proceeding is eligible for a deferral of registration and fee
15 payments pursuant to s. 240.235(3)~~(2)~~.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the
17 year in which enacted.

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20 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

21 Authorizes each state university president to submit a
22 plan to the Board of Regents to increase matriculation
23 and tuition fees for specified professional programs,
24 including dentistry, medicine, pharmacy, veterinary
25 medicine, and law. Establishes a limit for such increases
26 and provides for implementation of plans.
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