By the Committee on Education Appropriations and Representatives Betancourt, Bradley and Murman

A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to postsecondary student fees; 3 amending s. 239.117, F.S.; revising provisions relating to financial aid fees for workforce 4 5 development programs; specifying authorized fees for workforce development programs; 6 7 providing for parking fees and technology fees 8 to be pledged as dedicated funding sources for 9 the repayment of debt; amending s. 240.319, F.S.; providing requirements for lease-purchase 10 11 agreements; correcting cross references; amending s. 240.35, F.S.; revising requirements 12 13 regarding fee schedules, matriculation and tuition fees, financial aid fees, and 14 technology fees; specifying fees authorized to 15 16 be established by community college boards of trustees; providing an effective date. 17 18 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 20 Section 1. Subsections (8), (9), and (16) of section 21 22 239.117, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended, subsections (10) through (15) of said section are renumbered 23 as subsections (9) through (14), respectively, subsection (17) 24 is renumbered as subsection (15), and new subsections (16), 25 26 (17), and (18) are added to said section, to read: 27 239.117 Workforce development postsecondary student 28 fees.--29 Each school board and community college board of (8) trustees may establish a separate fee collect, for financial 30 aid purposes in, up to an additional amount of up to 10

percent of the student fees collected for workforce development programs funded through the Workforce Development Education Fund. All fees collected shall be deposited into a separate workforce development student financial aid fee trust fund of the district or community college to support students enrolled in workforce development programs. Any undisbursed balance remaining in the trust fund and interest income accruing to investments from the trust fund shall increase the total funds available for distribution to workforce development education students. Awards shall be based on student financial need and distributed in accordance with a nationally recognized system of need analysis approved by the State Board for Career Education. Fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be allocated in an expeditious manner.

- (9) A district school board or a community college board of trustees may charge other fees only as authorized by rule of the State Board of Education or the State Board of Community Colleges.
- (16) School boards and community college boards of trustees may establish, by rule, a consumable supply fee for postsecondary students enrolled in certificate career education or supplemental courses.
- not authorized to charge students enrolled in workforce development programs any fee that is not specifically authorized by statute. In addition to matriculation, tuition, financial aid, capital improvement, and technology fees, as authorized in this section, community colleges and district school boards are authorized to establish fee schedules for the following user fees and fines: laboratory fees; parking fees and fines; library fees and fines

relating to facilities and equipment use or damage; access or 1 identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding, 2 3 or microfilming fees; standardized testing fees; diploma replacement fees; transcript fees; application fees; 4 5 graduation fees; and late fees related to registration and 6 payment. Such user fees and fines shall not exceed the cost of 7 the services provided and shall only be charged to persons 8 receiving the service. Parking fee revenues may be pledged by 9 a community college board of trustees as a dedicated revenue source for the repayment of debt, including lease-purchase 10 11 agreements and revenue bonds with terms not exceeding 20 years 12 and not exceeding the useful life of the asset being financed. 13 Community colleges may use the services of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration to issue any 14 revenue bonds authorized by the provisions of this subsection. 15 16 Any such bonds issued by the Division of Bond Finance shall be in compliance with the provisions of the State Bond Act. Bonds 17 issued pursuant to the State Bond Act shall be validated in 18 the manner established in chapter 75. The complaint for such 19 20 validation shall be filed in the circuit court of the county where the seat of state government is situated, the notice 21 required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published only 22 in the county where the complaint is filed, and the complaint 23 and order of the circuit court shall be served only on the 24 state attorney of the circuit in which the action is pending. 25 26 (17) Each district school board and community college district board of trustees is authorized to establish specific 27 28 fees for workforce development instruction not reported for 29 state funding purposes or for workforce development instruction not reported as state funded full-time equivalent 30 students. District school boards and district boards of

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trustees are not required to charge any other fee specified in this section for this type of instruction.

(18) Each district school board and community college district board of trustees is authorized to establish a separate fee for technology, not to exceed 5 percent of the matriculation fee for resident students, and not more than 5 percent of the matriculation and tuition fee for nonresident students, or the equivalent, to be expended in accordance with technology improvement plans. The technology fee may apply only to associate degree programs and courses. Fifty percent of technology fee revenues may be pledged by a community college board of trustees as a dedicated revenue source for the repayment of debt, including lease-purchase agreements, not to exceed the useful life of the asset being financed. Revenues generated from the technology fee may not be bonded.

Section 2. Paragraph (t) of subsection (4) of section 240.319, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

240.319 Community college district boards of trustees; duties and powers .--

- (4) Such rules, procedures, and policies for the boards of trustees include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (t) Each board of trustees is authorized to borrow funds and incur debt, including entering into lease-purchase agreements and the issuance of revenue bonds as specifically authorized and only for the purposes authorized in ss. 239.117(15) and (16) $\frac{(17)}{17}$  and 240.35(14) and (15) $\frac{(13)}{17}$ , only for the new construction and equipment, renovation, or remodeling of educational facilities. At the option of the board of 31 | trustees, bonds may be issued which are secured by a

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combination of revenues authorized to be pledged to bonds pursuant to ss. 239.117(15) $\frac{(17)}{(17)}$  and 240.35(14) $\frac{(13)}{(13)}$  or ss. 239.117(16) and 240.35(15). Lease-purchase agreements may be secured by a combination of revenues as specifically authorized pursuant to ss. 239.117(18) and 240.35(16).

Section 3. Subsections (6) and (7) and paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (11) of section 240.35, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, are amended, subsection (15) is renumbered as subsection (17), and new subsections (15) and (16) are added to said section, to read:

240.35 Student fees.--Unless otherwise provided, the provisions of this section apply only to fees charged for college credit instruction leading to an associate in arts degree, an associate in applied science degree, or an associate in science degree and noncollege credit college-preparatory courses defined in s. 239.105.

(6) Subject to review and final approval by the State Board of Education, The State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt by December 31 of each year a resident fee schedule for the following fall for advanced and professional, associate in science degree, and college-preparatory programs that produce revenues in the amount of 25 percent of the full prior year's cost of these programs. However, the board may not adopt an annual fee increase in any program for resident students which exceeds 10 percent. Fees for courses in college-preparatory programs and associate in arts and associate in science degree programs may be established at the same level. In the absence of a provision to the contrary in an appropriations act, the fee schedule shall take effect and the colleges shall expend the funds on instruction. If the 31 | Legislature provides for an alternative fee schedule

 calculation in an appropriations act, the fee schedule shall
take effect the subsequent fall semester board shall establish
a fee schedule that produces the fee revenue established in
the appropriations act based on the assigned enrollment.

- establish matriculation and tuition fees, which may vary no more than 10 percent below and 15 percent above from the fee schedule adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges, provided that any amount from 10 to 15 percent above the fee schedule is used only to support safety and security purposes. Each community college may assess either a safety and security fee, a technology fee pursuant to subsection (16) and s. 239.117(18), or a combination of these fees provided that the total amount assessed does not exceed 5 percent of tuition and matriculation fees.
- establish a separate fee collect for financial aid purposes in an additional amount up to, but not to exceed, 5 percent of the total student tuition or matriculation fees collected.

  Each community college may collect up to an additional 2 percent if the amount generated by the total financial aid fee is less than \$250,000. If the amount generated is less than \$250,000, a community college that charges tuition and matriculation fees at least equal to the average fees established by rule may transfer from the general current fund to the scholarship fund an amount equal to the difference between \$250,000 and the amount generated by the total financial aid fee assessment. No other transfer from the general current fund to the loan, endowment, or scholarship fund, by whatever name known, is authorized.

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(c) Up to 25 percent or \$300,000, whichever is 1 greater, of the financial aid fees collected may be used to assist students who demonstrate academic merit; who participate in athletics, public service, cultural arts, and other extracurricular programs as determined by the institution; or who are identified as members of a targeted gender or ethnic minority population. The financial aid fee revenues allocated for athletic scholarships and fee exemptions provided pursuant to subsection(17)(15)for athletes shall be distributed equitably as required by s. 10 228.2001(3)(d). A minimum of 50 percent of the balance of 11 these funds shall be used to provide financial aid based on 12 13 absolute need, and the remainder of the funds shall be used 14 for academic merit purposes and other purposes approved by the district boards of trustees. Such other purposes shall 15 include the payment of child care fees for students with 16 financial need. The State Board of Community Colleges shall 17 develop criteria for making financial aid awards. Each 18 19 college shall report annually to the Department of Education 20 on the criteria used to make awards, the amount and number of awards for each criterion, and a delineation of the 21 distribution of such awards. Awards which are based on 22 financial need shall be distributed in accordance with a 23 nationally recognized system of need analysis approved by the 24 State Board of Community Colleges. An award for academic merit 25 26 shall require a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 on 27 a 4.0 scale or the equivalent for both initial receipt of the 28 award and renewal of the award. 29 (15) In addition to matriculation, tuition, financial

aid, capital improvement, student activity and service, and

technology fees authorized in this section, each board of

trustees is authorized to establish fee schedules for the 1 2 following user fees and fines: laboratory fees; parking fees and fines; library fees and fines; fees and fines relating to 3 facilities and equipment use or damage; access or 4 5 identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding, or microfilming fees; standardized testing fees; diploma 6 7 replacement fees; transcript fees; application fees; 8 graduation fees; and late fees related to registration and 9 payment. Such user fees and fines shall not exceed the cost of the services provided and shall only be charged to persons 10 receiving the service. Community colleges are not authorized 11 12 to charge any fee that is not specifically authorized by 13 statute. Parking fee revenues may be pledged by a community college board of trustees as a dedicated revenue source for 14 the repayment of debt, including lease-purchase agreements and 15 16 revenue bonds with terms not exceeding 20 years and not exceeding the useful life of the asset being financed. 17 Community colleges may use the services of the Division of 18 19 Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration to issue any 20 revenue bonds authorized by the provisions of this subsection. Any such bonds issued by the Division of Bond Finance shall be 21 22 in compliance with the provisions of the State Bond Act. Bonds issued pursuant to the State Bond Act shall be validated in 23 the manner established in chapter 75. The complaint for such 24 validation shall be filed in the circuit court of the county 25 26 where the seat of state government is situated, the notice 27 required to be published by s. 75.06 shall be published only 28 in the county where the complaint is filed, and the complaint 29 and order of the circuit court shall be served only on the state attorney of the circuit in which the action is pending. 30 31

(16) Each community college district board of trustees is authorized to establish a separate fee for technology, which may not exceed 5 percent of the matriculation fee for resident students or 5 percent of the matriculation and tuition fee for nonresident students, to be expended according to technology improvement plans. The technology fee may apply to both college credit and college-preparatory instruction. Fifty percent of technology fee revenues may be pledged by a community college board of trustees as a dedicated revenue source for the repayment of debt, including lease-purchase agreements, not to exceed the useful life of the asset being financed. Revenues generated from the technology fee may not be bonded. Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.