

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to rulemaking authority within
3 the State University System; amending s.
4 240.209, F.S.; revising language; clarifying
5 the authority of the Board of Regents to
6 establish certain fees, delegate authority to
7 the Chancellor or the universities, allow the
8 waiver of certain fees, manage systemwide
9 enrollment, govern the admission of students
10 into the State University System, establish
11 policies relating to credit and noncredit
12 offerings, and establish and regulate faculty
13 practice plans for the academic health science
14 centers; providing and clarifying authority to
15 adopt rules to implement such powers and
16 duties; correcting an obsolete cross reference;
17 deleting unnecessary cross references; amending
18 s. 240.227, F.S.; clarifying the rulemaking
19 authority of university presidents regarding
20 conditions of employment of university
21 personnel and the management of property and
22 financial resources of the university;
23 providing rulemaking authority regarding
24 internal procedures of student governments, the
25 use and protection of data and technology, and
26 compliance with federal laws; amending s.
27 240.229, F.S., relating to the powers of the
28 university with regard to patents, copyrights,
29 and trademarks; authorizing the adoption of
30 rules; amending s. 240.233, F.S., relating to
31 university admission of students; authorizing

1 the adoption of rules by the university
2 president; revising requirements for minimum
3 standards for undergraduate admission relating
4 to foreign language and requiring submission of
5 a test score; prohibiting university admission
6 standards for limiting the ability of high
7 school students to choose electives; amending
8 s. 240.241, F.S., relating to divisions of
9 sponsored research at state universities;
10 authorizing the adoption of rules by the
11 university president; amending s. 240.261,
12 F.S.; clarifying the rulemaking authority of
13 universities with regard to student and
14 employee conduct; amending s. 240.291, F.S.;
15 providing rulemaking authority regarding
16 delinquent accounts; providing an effective
17 date.

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

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21 Section 1. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (e), (f),
22 (p), (q), (r), and (t) of subsection (3) of section 240.209,
23 Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraphs (u) through (y)
24 of subsection (3), and subsection (11) are added to said
25 section, to read:

26 240.209 Board of Regents; powers and duties.--

27 (1) The Board of Regents is authorized to adopt
28 systemwide rules ~~primarily responsible for adopting systemwide~~
29 ~~rules~~ pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement
30 provisions of law conferring duties upon it; to plan ~~planning~~
31 for the future needs of the State University System; to plan

1 ~~planning~~ the programmatic, financial, and physical development
2 of the system; to review and evaluate ~~reviewing and evaluating~~
3 the instructional, research, and service programs at the
4 universities; to coordinate ~~coordinating~~ program development
5 among the universities; and to monitor ~~monitoring~~ the fiscal
6 performance of the universities.

7 (3) The board shall:

8 (e) Establish student fees.

9 1. By no later than December 1 of each year, the board
10 shall raise the systemwide standard for resident undergraduate
11 matriculation and financial aid fees for the subsequent fall
12 term, up to but no more than 25 percent of the prior year's
13 cost of undergraduate programs. In implementing this
14 paragraph, fees charged for graduate, medical, veterinary, and
15 dental programs may be increased by the Board of Regents in
16 the same percentage as the increase in fees for resident
17 undergraduates. However, in the absence of legislative action
18 to the contrary in an appropriations act, the board may not
19 approve annual fee increases for resident students in excess
20 of 10 percent. The sum of nonresident student matriculation
21 and tuition fees must be sufficient to defray the full cost of
22 undergraduate education. Graduate, medical, veterinary, and
23 dental fees charged to nonresidents may be increased by the
24 board in the same percentage as the increase in fees for
25 nonresident undergraduates. However, in implementing this
26 policy and in the absence of legislative action to the
27 contrary in an appropriations act, annual fee increases for
28 nonresident students may not exceed 25 percent. In the absence
29 of legislative action to the contrary in the General
30 Appropriations Act, the fees shall go into effect for the
31 following fall term.

1 2. When the appropriations act requires a new fee
2 schedule, the board shall establish a systemwide standard fee
3 schedule required to produce the total fee revenue established
4 in the appropriations act based on the product of the assigned
5 enrollment and the fee schedule. The board may approve the
6 expenditure of any fee revenues resulting from the product of
7 the fee schedule adopted pursuant to this section and the
8 assigned enrollment.

9 3. Upon provision of authority in a General
10 Appropriations Act to spend revenue raised pursuant to this
11 section, the board shall approve a university request to
12 implement a matriculation and out-of-state tuition fee
13 schedule which is calculated to generate revenue which varies
14 no more than 10 percent from the standard fee revenues
15 authorized through an appropriations act. In implementing an
16 alternative fee schedule, the increase in cost to a student
17 taking 15 hours in one term shall be limited to 5 percent.
18 Matriculation and out-of-state tuition fee revenues generated
19 as a result of this provision are to be expended for
20 implementing a plan for achieving accountability goals adopted
21 pursuant to s. 240.214 and for implementing a Board of
22 Regents-approved plan to contain student costs by reducing the
23 time necessary for graduation without reducing the quality of
24 instruction. The plans shall be recommended by a
25 universitywide committee, at least one-half of whom are
26 students appointed by the student body president. A
27 chairperson, appointed jointly by the university president and
28 the student body president, shall vote only in the case of a
29 tie.

30 4. The board is authorized to collect for financial
31 aid purposes an amount not to exceed 5 percent of the student

1 tuition and matriculation fee per credit hour. The revenues
2 from fees are to remain at each campus and replace existing
3 financial aid fees. Such funds shall be disbursed to students
4 as quickly as possible. The board shall specify specific
5 limits on the percent of the fees collected in a fiscal year
6 which may be carried forward unexpended to the following
7 fiscal year. A minimum of 50 percent of funds from the student
8 financial aid fee shall be used to provide financial aid based
9 on absolute need. A student who has received an award prior to
10 July 1, 1984, shall have his or her eligibility assessed on
11 the same criteria that was used at the time of his or her
12 original award.

13 5. The board may recommend to the Legislature an
14 appropriate systemwide standard matriculation and tuition fee
15 schedule.

16 6. The Education and General Student and Other Fees
17 Trust Fund is hereby created, to be administered by the
18 Department of Education. Funds shall be credited to the trust
19 fund from student fee collections and other miscellaneous fees
20 and receipts. The purpose of the trust fund is to support the
21 instruction and research missions of the State University
22 System. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301, and
23 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the
24 end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund and
25 shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust
26 fund.

27 7. The board may establish the following fees:

28 a. A nonrefundable application fee, which shall not
29 exceed \$30.

30 b. An admissions deposit fee for the University of
31 Florida College of Dentistry, which shall not exceed \$200.

1 c. An orientation fee, which shall not exceed \$35.

2 d. A fee for security, access, or identification
3 cards, the annual fee for which shall not exceed \$10 per card.
4 The amount charged for replacement cards shall not exceed \$15.

5 e. Registration fees for audit and zero hours
6 registration; a service charge for the payment of registration
7 fees in installments, which shall not exceed \$15; and a late
8 registration fee for students who fail to initiate
9 registration during the regular registration period, which
10 shall be from \$50 to \$100.

11 f. A late payment fee for students who fail to pay, or
12 make appropriate arrangements, such as installment payment,
13 deferment, or third-party billing, for the payment of tuition
14 and course-related fees by the deadline set by each
15 university, which shall be from \$50 to \$100. Universities may
16 adopt specific procedures or policies for waiving the late
17 payment fee for minor underpayment, as specified by the
18 university.

19 g. A fee for miscellaneous health-related charges for
20 services provided at cost by a university health center which
21 are not covered by the health fee established pursuant to s.
22 240.235(1).

23 h. Material and supply fees to offset the cost of
24 materials or supply items that are consumed in the course of
25 the student's instructional activities, excluding the cost of
26 equipment replacement, repairs, and maintenance.

27 i. Housing rental rates and miscellaneous housing
28 charges for services provided by the university at the request
29 of the student.

30 j. A charge representing the reasonable cost of
31 collection efforts to effect payment for overdue accounts.

1 k. A service charge on university loans, in lieu of
2 interest and administrative handling.

3 l. A fee for off-campus offerings when the location
4 results in specific, identifiable increased costs to the
5 university.

6 m. Library fees and fines, including charges for
7 damaged and lost library material, overdue reserve library
8 books, interlibrary loans, and literature searches.

9 n. Fees relating to duplicating, photocopying,
10 binding, and microfilming; copyright services; and
11 standardized testing. Such fees shall only be charged to those
12 receiving the service.

13 o. Fees and fines relating to facilities and equipment
14 use, late return, loss, and damage.

15 p. A returned check fee as authorized by s. 832.07(1),
16 for unpaid checks returned to the university.

17 q. Traffic and parking fines, parking decal fees, and
18 transportation access fees.

19 r. A fee for child care and services provided by an
20 educational research center for child development.

21 s. Fees for transcripts and diploma replacement, which
22 shall not exceed \$10 per item.

23 (f) Establish and maintain systemwide personnel
24 programs for all State University System employees, including
25 a systemwide personnel classification and pay plan,
26 notwithstanding provisions of law that grant authority to the
27 Department of Management Services over such programs for state
28 employees. The board shall consult with the legislative
29 appropriations committees regarding any major policy changes
30 related to classification and pay which are in conflict with
31 those policies in effect for career service employees with

1 similar job classifications and responsibilities. The board
2 may adopt rules related to the appointment, employment, and
3 removal of personnel, which delegate ~~delegating~~ its authority
4 to the Chancellor or the universities. The board shall submit,
5 in a manner prescribed by law, any reports concerning State
6 University System personnel programs as shall be required of
7 the Department of Management Services for other state
8 employees. The Department of Management Services shall retain
9 authority over State University System employees for programs
10 established in ss. 110.116, 110.123, 110.1232, 110.1234,
11 110.1235, and 110.1238 and in chapters 121, 122, and 238. The
12 board shall adopt ~~only those~~ rules ~~necessary~~ to provide for a
13 coordinated, efficient systemwide program and shall delegate
14 to the universities ~~all~~ authority ~~necessary~~ for implementing
15 ~~implementation of~~ the program consistent with these
16 coordinating rules so adopted and applicable collective
17 bargaining agreements. Notwithstanding the provisions of s.
18 216.181(7), the salary rate controls for positions in budgets
19 under the Board of Regents shall separately delineate the
20 general faculty and all other categories.

21 (p) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 216.044,~~
22 ~~255.248, 255.249, 255.25, 255.28, 255.29, and 287.055, adopt~~
23 ~~rules to~~ Administer a program for the maintenance and
24 construction of facilities in the State University System and
25 to secure, or otherwise provide as a self-insurer pursuant to
26 s. 440.38(6), workers' compensation coverage for contractors
27 and subcontractors, or each of them, employed by or on behalf
28 of the Board of Regents when performing work on or adjacent to
29 property owned or used by the Board of Regents or the State
30 University System.

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1 (q) ~~Adopt rules to~~ Ensure compliance with the
2 provisions of s. 287.09451 ~~287.0945~~, for all State University
3 System procurement, and additionally, ss. 255.101 and 255.102,
4 for construction contracts, and rules adopted pursuant
5 thereto, relating to the utilization of minority business
6 enterprises, except that procurements costing less than the
7 amount provided for in CATEGORY FIVE as provided in s. 287.017
8 shall not be subject to s. 287.09451 ~~287.0945(7)(a)~~.

9 (r) ~~Adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54~~
10 ~~to implement provisions of law conferring duties upon it,~~
11 ~~including, but not limited to, procedures to Administer an~~
12 acquisition program for the purchase or lease of real and
13 personal property and contractual services pursuant to s.
14 240.205(6).

15 (t) ~~Require Adopt rules providing~~ that each state
16 university shall advise students who meet the minimum
17 requirements for admission to the upper division of a state
18 university, but are denied admission to limited access
19 programs, of the availability of similar programs at other
20 State University System institutions and the admissions
21 requirements of such programs.

22 (u) Allow the waiver of any or all application, course
23 registration, and related fees for persons who supervise
24 student interns of institutions within the State University
25 System.

26 (v) Manage systemwide enrollment.

27 (w) Govern the admission of students into the State
28 University System.

29 (x) Establish policies relating to credit and
30 noncredit education offerings by universities in the State
31 University System.

1 (y) Establish and regulate faculty practice plans for
2 the academic health science centers.

3 (11) The board is authorized to adopt rules to
4 implement the provisions of this section.

5 Section 2. Subsections (1), (5), (11), (13), and (19)
6 of section 240.227, Florida Statutes, are amended, subsection
7 (24) of said section is renumbered and amended, subsections
8 (20) through (23) of said section are renumbered as
9 subsections (19) through (22), respectively, and new
10 subsections (24) through (27) are added to said section, to
11 read:

12 240.227 University presidents; powers and duties.--The
13 president is the chief administrative officer of the
14 university and is responsible for the operation and
15 administration of the university. Each university president
16 shall:

17 (1) Have the authority to adopt rules pursuant to ss.
18 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement provisions of law governing
19 the operation and administration of the university, which
20 shall include the specific powers and duties enumerated in
21 this section. Such rules shall be consistent with the mission
22 of the university and statewide rules and policies and shall
23 assist in the development of the university in a manner which
24 will complement the missions and activities of the other
25 universities for the overall purpose of achieving the highest
26 quality of education for the citizens of the state.

27 (5) Appoint university personnel and provide for the
28 compensation and other conditions of employment, such as
29 recruitment, nonreappointment, benefits and hours of work,
30 evaluation, recognition, inventions and works, learning
31 opportunities, academic freedom and responsibility, promotion,

1 assignment, demotion, transfer, tenure and permanent status,
2 ethical obligations and conflicts of interest, restrictive
3 covenants, disciplinary actions, complaints, appeals and
4 grievance procedures, and separation and termination from
5 employment, consistent with applicable law, collective
6 bargaining agreements, and rules of the Board of Regents ~~rule~~
7 ~~for university personnel who are exempt from chapter 110.~~

8 (11) Establish and maintain ~~Make rules necessary for~~
9 ~~the establishment and maintenance of~~ a personnel exchange
10 program, by which persons employed within the university as
11 instructional and research faculty and comparable
12 administrative and professional staff may be exchanged with
13 persons employed in like capacities by institutions of higher
14 learning which are not under the jurisdiction of the
15 university, by units of government either within or without
16 this state, or by private industry. The salary and benefits
17 of State University System and state personnel participating
18 in the exchange program shall be continued during the period
19 of time they participate in the exchange program, and such
20 personnel shall be deemed to have no break in creditable or
21 continuous state service or employment during the period of
22 time in which they participate in the exchange program. The
23 salary and benefits of persons participating in the personnel
24 exchange program who are employed by institutions of higher
25 learning which are not under the jurisdiction of the
26 university, by units of government either within or without
27 this state, or by private industry shall be paid by the
28 originating employers of those participants. The duties and
29 responsibilities of a person participating in the exchange
30 program shall be the same as those of the person he or she
31 replaces.

1 (13) Use, maintain, protect, and control
2 university-owned or controlled buildings and grounds; property
3 and equipment; name, trademarks, and other proprietary marks;
4 and the financial and other resources of the university. Such
5 authority may include restrictions on commercial activity,
6 access to facilities, firearms, food, tobacco, alcoholic
7 beverages, distribution of printed materials, animals, and
8 sound. The authority vested in the university president in
9 this paragraph includes the prioritization of the use of
10 university space, property, equipment, and resources and the
11 imposition of charges for the same. Further, each university
12 president shall have ~~Manage the property and financial~~
13 ~~resources of the university, including, but not limited to,~~
14 ~~having~~ the authority to adjust property records and dispose of
15 state-owned tangible personal property in the university's
16 custody in accordance with procedures established by the Board
17 of Regents. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 273.055(5),
18 all moneys received from the disposition of state-owned
19 tangible personal property shall be retained by the university
20 and disbursed for the acquisition of tangible personal
21 property and for all necessary operating expenditures. The
22 university shall maintain records of the accounts into which
23 such moneys are deposited.

24 ~~(19) Administer personnel programs established by the~~
25 ~~Board of Regents and any applicable collective bargaining~~
26 ~~agreements under the supervision of the Board of Regents.~~

27 (23)~~(24)~~ ~~Adopt rules and~~ Enter into agreements for
28 student exchange programs which involve students at the
29 university and students in institutions of higher learning,
30 either within or without the state, which are not in the State
31 University System. Such agreements may provide that the

1 tuition and fees of a student who is enrolled in a university
2 in the State University System and who is participating in an
3 exchange program shall be paid to the state university during
4 the period of time he or she is participating in the exchange
5 program. Such agreements may also provide that the tuition
6 and fees of a student who is enrolled in an institution which
7 is not in the State University System and who is participating
8 in an exchange program shall be paid to the nonstate
9 institution in which he or she is enrolled.

10 (24) Approve the internal procedures and provide
11 purchasing, contracting, and budgetary review processes of
12 student government.

13 (25) Provide for the use and protection of data and
14 technology, including information systems, communication
15 systems, computer hardware and software, and networks.

16 (26) Ensure compliance with federal laws, regulations,
17 and other requirements applicable to the university.

18 (27) Adopt rules to implement the provisions of this
19 section.

20 Section 3. Subsection (6) of section 240.229, Florida
21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 240.229 Universities; powers; patents, copyrights, and
23 trademarks.--Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding,
24 each university is authorized, in its own name, to:

25 (6) Do all other acts necessary and proper for the
26 execution of powers and duties herein conferred upon the
27 university, including adopting rules in order to administer
28 this section. Any proceeds therefrom shall be deposited and
29 expended in accordance with s. 240.241. Any action taken by
30 the university in securing or exploiting such trademarks,
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1 copyrights, or patents shall, within 30 days, be reported in
2 writing by the president to the Department of State.

3 Section 4. Section 240.233, Florida Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 240.233 Universities; admissions of students.--Each
6 university president is authorized to adopt rules governing
7 the admission ~~shall govern admissions~~ of students, subject to
8 this section and rules of the Board of Regents.

9 (1) Minimum academic standards for undergraduate
10 admission to a university must include the requirements that:

11 (a) Each student have received a high school diploma
12 pursuant to s. 232.246, or its equivalent, except as provided
13 in s. 240.116(2) and (3).

14 (b) Each student have successfully completed a
15 college-preparatory curriculum, as defined in rules of the
16 Board of Regents, including at least ~~earned~~ two credits of
17 sequential foreign language at the secondary level or the
18 equivalent of such instruction at the postsecondary level. A
19 student whose native language is not English is exempt from
20 this admissions requirement, provided that the student
21 demonstrates proficiency in the native language. If a
22 standardized test is not available in the student's native
23 language for the demonstration of proficiency, the university
24 may provide an alternative method of assessment. The State
25 Board of Education shall adopt rules for the articulation of
26 foreign language competency and equivalency between secondary
27 and postsecondary institutions. A student who received an
28 associate in arts degree prior to September 1, 1989, or who
29 enrolled in a program of studies leading to an associate
30 degree from a Florida community college prior to August 1,
31 1989, and maintains continuous enrollment shall be exempt from

1 this admissions requirement. The minimum admission standards
2 adopted by the Board of Regents or a state university under
3 this paragraph must permit a student to earn at least four of
4 the 19 credits constituting the college-preparatory curriculum
5 required for admission as electives in any one of the
6 following manners:

7 1. Successful completion of any course identified in
8 the Department of Education course code directory as level two
9 or higher in one or more of the following subject areas:
10 English, Mathematics, Natural Science, Social Science, and
11 Foreign Language;

12 2. Successful completion of any course identified in
13 the Department of Education course code directory as level
14 three in the same or related disciplines;

15 3. Any combination of the courses identified in
16 subparagraphs 1. and 2.; or

17 4. Successful completion of two credits from the
18 courses identified in subparagraph 1. plus no more than two
19 total credits from any of the following categories of courses:

20 a. Courses identified in the Department of Education
21 course code directory as ROTC and Military Training.

22 b. Courses identified in the Department of Education
23 course code directory as level two in Art-Visual Arts, Dance,
24 Drama-Theater Arts, Language Arts, or Music.

25 c. Any additional courses determined to be equivalent
26 by the Articulation Coordinating Committee.

27 (c) Each student have submitted a test score from the
28 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination
29 Board or the American College Testing Program.

30 (2) The Board of Regents shall adopt rules which
31 provide for a limited number of students to be admitted to the

1 State University System, notwithstanding the admission
2 requirements of paragraph (1)(b) relating to credits in
3 foreign language, if there is evidence that the applicant is
4 expected to do successful academic work at the admitting
5 university. The number of applicants admitted under this
6 subsection may not exceed 5 percent of the total number of
7 freshmen who entered the State University System the prior
8 year. Any lower-division student admitted without meeting the
9 foreign language requirement must earn such credits prior to
10 admission to the upper division of a state university. Any
11 associate in arts degree graduate from a public community
12 college or university in Florida, or other upper-division
13 transfer student, admitted without meeting the foreign
14 language requirement, must earn such credits prior to
15 graduation from a state university. Students shall be exempt
16 from the provisions of this subsection if they can demonstrate
17 proficiency in American sign language equivalent to that of
18 students who have completed two credits of such instruction in
19 high school.

20 (3)(a) Nonresident students may be admitted to the
21 university upon such terms as the university may establish.
22 However, such terms shall include, but shall not be limited
23 to: completion of a secondary school curriculum which
24 includes 4 years of English; 3 years each of mathematics,
25 science, and social sciences; and 2 years of a foreign
26 language.

27 (b) Within the admission standards provided for in
28 subsection (1), the Board of Regents shall develop procedures
29 for weighting courses which are necessary to meet the
30 requirements of a college-preparatory curriculum at a higher
31 value than less rigorous courses. Credits received in such

1 courses shall be given greater value in determining admission
2 by universities than cumulative grade point averages in high
3 school.

4 (4) Consideration shall be given to the past actions
5 of any person applying for admission as a student to any state
6 university, either as a new applicant, an applicant for
7 continuation of studies, or a transfer student, when such
8 actions have been found to disrupt or interfere with the
9 orderly conduct, processes, functions, or programs of any
10 other university, college, or community college.

11 (5) In any application for admission by a student as a
12 citizen of the state, the applicant, if 18 years of age, or,
13 if a minor, his or her parents or guardian shall make and file
14 with such application a written statement under oath that such
15 applicant is a citizen and resident of the state and entitled,
16 as such, to admission upon the terms and conditions prescribed
17 for citizens and residents of the state.

18 (6) Rules of the State Board of Education shall
19 require the use of scores on tests of college-level
20 communication and computation skills provided in s. 229.551 as
21 a condition for admission of students to upper-division
22 instructional programs from community colleges, including
23 those who have been awarded associate in arts degrees. Use of
24 such test scores as an admission requirement shall extend
25 equally and uniformly to students enrolled in lower divisions
26 in the State University System and to transfer students from
27 other colleges and universities. The tests shall be required
28 for community college students seeking associate in arts
29 degrees and students seeking admission to upper-division
30 instructional programs in the State University System. The
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1 use of test scores prior to August 1, 1984, shall be limited
2 to student counseling and curriculum improvement.

3 (7) For the purposes of this section, American sign
4 language constitutes a foreign language. Florida high schools
5 may offer American sign language as a for-credit elective or
6 as a substitute for any already authorized foreign language
7 requirement.

8 (8) A Florida resident who is denied admission as an
9 undergraduate to a state university for failure to meet the
10 high school grade point average requirement may appeal the
11 decision to the university and request a recalculation of the
12 grade point average including in the revised calculation the
13 grades earned in up to three credits of advanced fine arts
14 courses. The university shall provide the student with a
15 description of the appeals process at the same time as
16 notification of the admissions decision. The university shall
17 recalculate the student's grade point average using the
18 additional courses and advise the student of any changes in
19 the student's admission status. For purposes of this section,
20 fine arts courses include courses in music, drama, painting,
21 sculpture, speech, debate, or a course in any art form that
22 requires manual dexterity. Advanced level fine arts courses
23 include fine arts courses identified in the course code
24 directory as Advanced Placement, pre-International
25 Baccalaureate, or International Baccalaureate, or fine arts
26 courses taken in the third or fourth year of a fine arts
27 curriculum.

28 Section 5. Subsection (17) is added to section
29 240.241, Florida Statutes, to read:

30 240.241 Divisions of sponsored research at state
31 universities.--

1 (17) Each university president is authorized to adopt
2 rules to implement the provisions of this section.

3 Section 6. Section 240.261, Florida Statutes, is
4 amended to read:

5 240.261 Codes of conduct; disciplinary measures;
6 rulemaking authority ~~Disciplinary rules.~~--

7 (1) Each university may adopt, by rule, codes a
8 ~~uniform code~~ of conduct and appropriate penalties for
9 violations of rules by students and employees, to be
10 administered by the ~~president of each~~ university. Such
11 penalties, unless otherwise provided by law, may include: the
12 issuance of a reprimand; the payment of restitution; the
13 imposition of fines; ~~the~~ withholding of diplomas or
14 transcripts pending compliance with rules, completion of any
15 pending student judicial process or sanction, or payment of
16 finest; restrictions on the use of, or removal from, university
17 facilities; the completion of community service or educational
18 requirements; or, and the imposition of probation, suspension,
19 ~~or~~ dismissal, or expulsion.

20 (2) Each university may adopt, by rule, a code of
21 conduct and appropriate penalties for violations of rules by
22 student organizations, to be administered by the university.
23 Such penalties, unless otherwise provided by law, may include:
24 reprimand; restitution; suspension, cancellation, or
25 revocation of the registration or official recognition of a
26 student organization; and restrictions on the use of, or
27 removal from, university facilities.

28 (3) Sanction authorized by university codes of conduct
29 may only be imposed for acts or omissions in violation of
30 rules adopted by the university, including rules adopted
31 pursuant to this section; rules of the Board of Regents;

1 county and municipal ordinances; or federal or state law,
2 including the laws of other states.

3 (4) Each university may establish and adopt, by rule,
4 codes of appropriate penalties for violations of rules
5 governing student academic honesty. Such penalties, unless
6 otherwise provided by law, may include: reprimand, reduction
7 of grade, denial of academic credit, invalidation of
8 university credit or the degree that is based upon such
9 credit, probation, suspension, dismissal, or expulsion. In
10 addition to any other penalties imposed, an individual may be
11 denied admission or further registration, and the university
12 may invalidate academic credit for work done by a student, and
13 may invalidate or revoke the degree based upon such credit, if
14 it is determined that the student has made false, fraudulent,
15 or incomplete statements in the application, residence
16 affidavit, or accompanying documents or statements in
17 connection with, or supplemental to, the application for
18 admission to, or graduation from, the university.

19 ~~(5)(2)~~ The university shall adopt rules for the lawful
20 discipline of any student, faculty member, or member of the
21 administrative staff who intentionally acts to impair,
22 interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes,
23 and functions of a state university. Said rules may apply to
24 acts conducted on or off campus when relevant to such orderly
25 conduct, processes, and functions.

26 Section 7. Subsection (4) is added to section 240.291,
27 Florida Statutes, to read:

28 240.291 Delinquent accounts.--

29 (4) Each university is authorized to adopt rules to
30 implement the provisions of this section, including setoff
31 procedures; payroll deductions; and restrictions on the

1 release of transcripts, award of diplomas, and access to
2 university resources and services.

3 Section 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
4 law.

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