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Amendment No.

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11	Senator Diaz-Balart moved the following amendment to amendment		
12	(203118):		
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14	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
15	On page 3, line 2, through		
16	page 5, line 29, delete those lines		
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18	and insert:		
19	Section 26. Subsections (5), (8), and (18), and		
20	paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 239.117, Florida		
21	Statutes, are amended, and subsection (19) is added to that		
22	section, to read:		
23	239.117 Workforce development postsecondary student		
24	fees.--		
25	(5) School districts and community colleges may waive		
26	fees for any fee-nonexempt student. The total value of fee		
27	waivers granted by the school district or community college		
28	may not exceed <u>8 percent of the district's or community</u>		
29	<u>college's postsecondary vocational certificate program</u>		
30	<u>enrollment hours unless otherwise indicated by an the amount</u>		
31	established annually in the General Appropriations Act. Any		

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1 student whose fees are waived in excess of the authorized
2 amount may not be reported for state funding purposes. Any
3 school district or community college that waives fees and
4 requests state funding for a student in violation of the
5 provisions of this section shall be penalized at a rate equal
6 to 2 times the value of the full-time student enrollment
7 reported.

8 (6)(a) The Commissioner of Education shall provide to
9 the State Board of Education no later than January ~~December~~ 31
10 of each year a schedule of fees for workforce development
11 education, excluding continuing workforce education, for
12 school districts and community colleges. The fee schedule
13 shall be based on the amount of student fees necessary to
14 produce 25 percent of the prior year's average cost of a
15 course of study leading to a certificate or diploma. ~~At the~~
16 ~~discretion of a school board or a community college, this fee~~
17 ~~schedule may be implemented over a 3-year period, with full~~
18 ~~implementation in the 1999-2000 school year. In years~~
19 ~~preceding that year, if fee increases are necessary for some~~
20 ~~programs or courses, the fees shall be raised in increments~~
21 ~~designed to lessen their impact upon students already~~
22 ~~enrolled.~~ Fees for students who are not residents for tuition
23 purposes must offset the full cost of instruction.
24 Fee-nonexempt students enrolled in vocational-preparatory
25 instruction shall be charged fees equal to the fees charged
26 for certificate career education instruction. Each community
27 college that conducts college-preparatory and
28 vocational-preparatory instruction in the same class section
29 may charge a single fee for both types of instruction.

30 (8) Each school board and community college board of
31 trustees may establish a separate additional fee for financial

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1 aid purposes and a separate additional fee for technology,
2 which in sum do not exceed 10 percent of the base
3 matriculation fee assessed for workforce development programs
4 funded through the Workforce Development Education Fund. Each
5 school board and community college board of trustees may also
6 establish additional financial aid and technology fees for
7 non-resident students, which in sum do not exceed 10 percent
8 of the base tuition fee assessed for workforce development
9 programs funded through the Workforce Development Education
10 Fund. When established, fees shall be assessed pursuant to
11 the following criteria:

12 (a) Each school board and community college board of
13 trustees may establish a separate fee for financial aid
14 purposes in an additional amount of up to 10 percent of the
15 student fees collected for workforce development programs
16 funded through the Workforce Development Education Fund. All
17 financial aid fees collected shall be deposited into a
18 separate workforce development student financial aid fee trust
19 fund of the district or community college to support students
20 enrolled in workforce development programs. Any undisbursed
21 balance remaining in the trust fund and interest income
22 accruing to investments from the trust fund shall increase the
23 total funds available for distribution to workforce
24 development education students. Awards shall be based on
25 student financial need and distributed in accordance with a
26 nationally recognized system of need analysis, as established
27 by each school board or community college district board of
28 trustees approved by the State Board for Career Education.
29 Fees collected pursuant to this paragraph subsection shall be
30 allocated in an expeditious manner.

31 (b)(18) Technology fee revenues must be expended in

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1 accordance with technology improvement plans related to
2 vocational certificate programs and shall not supplant funding
3 expended in the prior year's budget for these purposes. ~~Each~~
4 ~~district school board and community college district board of~~
5 ~~trustees is authorized to establish a separate fee for~~
6 ~~technology, not to exceed \$1.80 per credit hour or credit-hour~~
7 ~~equivalent for resident students and not more than \$5.40 per~~
8 ~~credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for nonresident~~
9 ~~students, or the equivalent, to be expended in accordance with~~
10 ~~technology improvement plans. The technology fee may apply~~
11 ~~only to associate degree programs and courses.~~ Fifty percent
12 of technology fee revenues may be pledged by a community
13 college board of trustees as a dedicated revenue source for
14 the repayment of debt, including lease-purchase agreements,
15 not to exceed the useful life of the asset being financed.
16 Revenues generated from the technology fee may not be bonded.

17 (19) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
18 section, an institution is not required to reduce fees for
19 workforce development programs.

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23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 18, line 29, after the semicolon,

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insert:

27 providing that an institution is not required
28 to reduce fees for workforce development;

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