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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to postsecondary education;
3 authorizing the boards of trustees of the state
4 universities to approve a plan to increase
5 matriculation and tuition fees for
6 first-professional programs; providing for the
7 amount of the increase for resident and
8 nonresident students to be based on the average
9 fees for certain corresponding programs;
10 specifying those programs that constitute
11 first-professional programs; authorizing the
12 university to phase in an increase; requiring
13 that a plan to increase fees include a
14 provision for financial assistance to certain
15 students; requiring that revenue generated from
16 a fee increase be used to benefit the program
17 generating the revenue; providing an effective
18 date.

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

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22 Section 1. Tuition and fee differential for certain
23 programs.--

24 (1) Notwithstanding any other law, the board of
25 trustees of each state university may approve a plan submitted
26 by that university's president to increase:

27 (a) Resident matriculation and tuition fees for one or
28 more of the first-professional programs within the university
29 to a level that may not exceed 125 percent of the average
30 full-time, in-state tuition and required fees for
31 corresponding first-professional programs offered in public

1 institutions, as reported by the National Center for Education
2 Statistics of the United States Department of Education; and

3 (b) Nonresident matriculation and tuition fees for one
4 or more of the first-professional programs within the
5 university to a level that may not exceed 125 percent of the
6 average full-time tuition and required fees for corresponding
7 first-professional programs offered in all institutions, as
8 reported by the National Center for Education Statistics of
9 the United States Department of Education.

10 (2) For purposes of this section, a first-professional
11 program includes programs in dentistry, law, medicine,
12 pharmacy, and veterinary medicine. The plan may provide for an
13 increase to be phased in over 3 to 5 years, with automatic
14 adjustments thereafter. If approved by the board of trustees,
15 the plan shall be implemented without further review or
16 approval. Each plan must include a provision for need-based
17 financial assistance to those students who may be denied
18 access to a first-professional program because of an increase
19 in matriculation and tuition fees. All revenue generated as a
20 result of the fee differential established under this section
21 shall be retained by the university and used to benefit the
22 program that generated the revenue.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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26 SENATE SUMMARY

27 Authorizes the board of trustees of each state university
28 to approve an increase in fees for programs in dentistry,
29 law, medicine, pharmacy, and veterinary medicine.
30 Provides for the amount of the increase to be based on
31 the average fees for certain corresponding programs.
Requires that the university provide financial assistance
to students who may be denied access to a program due to
the increase in fees. Requires that revenue generated
from a fee increase be used to benefit the program that
generates the revenue. (See bill for details.)