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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to postsecondary student fees;  
3           amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; providing that each  
4           university board of trustees is authorized to  
5           establish a nonrefundable admissions deposit  
6           for degree programs; deleting authorization to  
7           impose a charge for overdue accounts; providing  
8           an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 1009.24, Florida  
13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14           1009.24 State university student fees.--

15           (12) Each university board of trustees is authorized  
16   to establish the following fees:

17           (a) A nonrefundable application fee in an amount not  
18   to exceed \$30.

19           (b) A nonrefundable admissions deposit for  
20   undergraduate and graduate degree programs in an amount not to  
21   exceed \$200. The admissions deposit shall be imposed at the  
22   time of a student's acceptance to the university and shall be  
23   applied to the student's tuition upon enrollment. In the event  
24   that a student does not enroll in the university, the  
25   admissions deposit shall be deposited in an auxiliary account  
26   of the university and used to expand financial aid,  
27   scholarships, financial assistance, and student academic and  
28   career counseling services at the university.

29           (c)~~(b)~~ An orientation fee in an amount not to exceed  
30   \$35.

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1        (d)~~(e)~~ A fee for security, access, or identification  
2 cards. The annual fee for such a card may not exceed \$10 per  
3 card. The maximum amount charged for a replacement card may  
4 not exceed \$15.

5        (e)~~(d)~~ Registration fees for audit and zero-hours  
6 registration; a service charge, which may not exceed \$15, for  
7 the payment of tuition in installments; and a  
8 late-registration fee in an amount not less than \$50 nor more  
9 than \$100 to be imposed on students who fail to initiate  
10 registration during the regular registration period.

11        (f)~~(e)~~ A late-payment fee in an amount not less than  
12 \$50 nor more than \$100 to be imposed on students who fail to  
13 pay or fail to make appropriate arrangements to pay (by means  
14 of installment payment, deferment, or third-party billing)  
15 tuition by the deadline set by each university. Each  
16 university may adopt specific procedures or policies for  
17 waiving the late-payment fee for minor underpayments.

18        (g)~~(f)~~ A fee for miscellaneous health-related charges  
19 for services provided at cost by the university health center  
20 which are not covered by the health fee set under subsection  
21 (10).

22        (h)~~(g)~~ Materials and supplies fees to offset the cost  
23 of materials or supplies that are consumed in the course of  
24 the student's instructional activities, excluding the cost of  
25 equipment replacement, repairs, and maintenance.

26        (i)~~(h)~~ Housing rental rates and miscellaneous housing  
27 charges for services provided by the university at the request  
28 of the student.

29        ~~(i) A charge representing the reasonable cost of~~  
30 ~~efforts to collect payment of overdue accounts.~~

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1 (j) A service charge on university loans in lieu of  
2 interest and administrative handling charges.

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

6 (l) Library fees and fines, including charges for  
7 damaged and lost library materials, overdue reserve library  
8 books, interlibrary loans, and literature searches.

9 (m) Fees relating to duplicating, photocopying,  
10 binding, and microfilming; copyright services; and  
11 standardized testing. These fees may be charged only to those  
12 who receive the services.

13 (n) Fees and fines relating to the use, late return,  
14 and loss and damage of facilities and equipment.

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

17 (p) Traffic and parking fines, charges for parking  
18 decals, and transportation access fees.

19 (q) An Educational Research Center for Child  
20 Development fee for child care and services offered by the  
21 center.

22 (r) Fees for transcripts and diploma replacement, not  
23 to exceed \$10 per item.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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27 SENATE SUMMARY

28 Authorizes university boards of trustees to impose a  
29 nonrefundable admissions deposit. Provides for use of the  
30 deposit if the student fails to enroll following  
31 admission. Removes provisions authorizing a charge for  
the costs of collecting payment on an overdue account.