

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; providing an effective
7 date.

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

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

13 1009.24 State university student fees.--

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

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

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

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

30 ~~(d)~~~~(c)~~ A fee for security, access, or identification
31 cards. The annual fee for such a card may not exceed \$10 per

1 card. The maximum amount charged for a replacement card may
2 not exceed \$15.

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

9 (f)~~(e)~~ A late-payment fee in an amount not less than
10 \$50 nor more than \$100 to be imposed on students who fail to
11 pay or fail to make appropriate arrangements to pay (by means
12 of installment payment, deferment, or third-party billing)
13 tuition by the deadline set by each university. Each
14 university may adopt specific procedures or policies for
15 waiving the late-payment fee for minor underpayments.

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

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

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

27 (j)~~(i)~~ A charge representing the reasonable cost of
28 efforts to collect payment of overdue accounts.

29 (k)~~(j)~~ A service charge on university loans in lieu of
30 interest and administrative handling charges.

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

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

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

11 (o)~~(n)~~ Fees and fines relating to the use, late
12 return, and loss and damage of facilities and equipment.

13 (p)~~(o)~~ A returned-check fee as authorized by s.
14 832.07(1) for unpaid checks returned to the university.

15 (q)~~(p)~~ Traffic and parking fines, charges for parking
16 decals, and transportation access fees.

17 (r)~~(q)~~ An Educational Research Center for Child
18 Development fee for child care and services offered by the
19 center.

20 (s)~~(r)~~ Fees for transcripts and diploma replacement,
21 not to exceed \$10 per item.

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

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