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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to state universities; creating s. 3 1001.70, F.S.; establishing the Board of Governors; 4 providing membership and terms of office; amending s. 5 1001.71, F.S.; revising membership of university boards of 6 trustees and terms of office; creating s. 1010.10, F.S.; 7 creating the Florida Uniform Management of Institutional 8 Funds Act; providing definitions; providing for 9 expenditure of endowment funds by a governing board; 10 providing for a standard of conduct; providing investment 11 authority; providing for delegation of investment 12 management; providing for investment costs; providing for 13 release of restrictions on use or investment; providing 14 for uniformity of application and construction; providing 15 for retroactive effect; amending s. 1011.94, F.S., 16 relating to the Trust Fund for University Major Gifts; 17 revising provisions relating to use of proceeds; replacing 18 references to State Board of Education with Board of 19 Governors; providing limitations on matching funds; 20 amending s. 17.076, F.S.; providing an exception to a 21 public records exemption; amending s. 20.555, F.S.; 22 deleting reference to the Board of Regents; amending s. 23 110.161, F.S.; including employees of state universities 24 in the definition of "employee" for purposes of the pretax 25 benefits program; amending s. 112.215, F.S.; including 26 employees of state university boards of trustees in the 27 definition of "employee" for purposes of the deferred 28 compensation program; amending s. 287.064, F.S.;

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authorizing state universities to continue to participate in the consolidated equipment financing program; amending s. 440.38, F.S.; including state universities as selfinsurers for purposes of workers' compensation; amending s. 1001.74, F.S.; adding a cross reference relating to pretax benefits for state university employees; amending s. 1004.24, F.S.; deleting obsolete reference to postaudit of financial accounts; providing for financial audit pursuant to s. 11.45, F.S.; amending s. 1004.26, F.S.; conforming university oversight of student government; amending s. 1004.445, F.S.; deleting obsolete reference to postaudit of financial accounts; providing for financial audit pursuant to s. 11.45, F.S.; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; revising provisions relating to determination of resident status for tuition purposes; providing for reclassification; providing for classification of certain graduate teaching assistants or graduate research assistants; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising provisions relating to undergraduate tuition and fees; authorizing a nonrefundable admissions deposit; creating 1012.975, F.S.; defining the terms "cash-equivalent compensation," "public funds, " and "remuneration"; limiting the annual remuneration of a state university president to \$225,000 from public funds; providing certain limitations on benefits for state university presidents under the Florida Retirement System; authorizing a party to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation in excess of annual limit from nonpublic funds; eliminating any state obligation to



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provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation for state university presidents under certain circumstances; providing effective dates.

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

Section 1. Section 1001.70, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

of the State Constitution, the Board of Governors is established as a body corporate comprised of 17 members as follows: 14 citizen members appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate; the Commissioner of Education; the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates or the equivalent; and the president of the Florida student association or the equivalent. The appointed members shall serve staggered 7-year terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, beginning July 1, 2003, of the initial appointments, 4 members shall serve 2-year terms, 5 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 5 members shall serve 7-year terms.

Section 2. Section 1001.71, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1001.71 University boards of trustees; membership.--

Constitution, each local constituent university shall be administered by a university board of trustees comprised of 13 members as follows: 6 citizen members appointed by the Governor

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subject to confirmation by the Senate; 5 citizen members



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appointed by the Board of Governors subject to confirmation by the Senate; the chair of the faculty senate or the equivalent; and the president of the student body of the university. The appointed members shall serve staggered 5-year terms. In order to achieve staggered terms, beginning July 1, 2003, of the initial appointments by the Governor, 2 members shall serve 2year terms, 3 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall serve a 5-year term and of the initial appointments by the Board of Governors, 2 members shall serve 2-year terms, 2 members shall serve 3-year terms, and 1 member shall serve a 5year term. University boards of trustees shall be comprised of 12 members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate in the regular legislative session immediately following his or her appointment. In addition, the student body president elected on the main campus of the university pursuant to s. 1004.26 shall serve ex officio as a voting member of his or her university board of trustees. There shall be no state residency requirement for university board members, but the Governor and the Board of Governors shall consider diversity and regional representation.

- (2) Members of the boards of trustees shall receive no compensation but may be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses as provided in s. 112.061.
- (3) The Governor may remove a trustee upon the recommendation of the State Board of Education, or for cause.
- (4) Boards of trustees' members shall be appointed for staggered 4-year terms, and may be reappointed for additional terms not to exceed 8 years of service.

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(3)(5) Each board of trustees shall select its chair and vice chair from the appointed members at its first regular meeting after July 1. The chair shall serve for 2 years and may be reselected for one additional consecutive term. The duties of the chair shall include presiding at all meetings of the board of trustees, calling special meetings of the board of trustees, and attesting to actions of the board of trustees, and notifying the Governor in writing whenever a board member fails to attend three consecutive regular board meetings in any fiscal year, which failure may be grounds for removal. The duty of the vice chair is to act as chair during the absence or disability of the chair.

(4)(6) The university president shall serve as executive officer and corporate secretary of the board of trustees and shall be responsible to the board of trustees for all operations of the university and for setting the agenda for meetings of the board of trustees in consultation with the chair.

Section 3. Effective upon this act becoming a law and operating retroactively to January 7, 2003, section 1010.10, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1010.10 Florida Uniform Management of Institutional Funds
Act.--

- (1) POPULAR NAME. -- This section shall be known by the popular name the "Florida Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act."
 - (2) DEFINITIONS. -- As used in this section:



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(a) "Endowment fund" means an institutional fund, or any part thereof, not wholly expendable by the institution on a current basis under the terms of the applicable gift instrument.

- (b) "Governing board" means the body responsible for the management of an institution or an institutional fund.
- (c) "Institution" means an incorporated or unincorporated organization organized and operated exclusively for the advancement of educational purposes, or a governmental entity to the extent that it holds funds exclusively for educational purposes.
- institution for its exclusive use, benefit, or purposes. The term excludes a fund held for an institution by a trustee that is not an institution. The term also excludes a fund in which a beneficiary that is not an institution has an interest other than possible rights that could arise upon violation or failure of the purposes of the fund.
- (e) "Instrument" means a will, deed, grant, conveyance, agreement, memorandum, electronic record, writing, or other governing document, including the terms of any institutional solicitations from which an institutional fund resulted, under which property is transferred to or held by an institution as an institutional fund.
 - (3) EXPENDITURE OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS.--
- (a) A governing board may expend so much of an endowment fund as the governing board determines to be prudent for the uses and purposes for which the endowment fund is established, consistent with the goal of conserving the purchasing power of



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the endowment fund. In making its determination, the governing
board shall use reasonable care, skill, and caution in
considering the following:

- 1. Purposes of the institution.
- 2. Intent of the donors of the endowment fund.
- 3. Terms of the applicable instrument.
- 4. Long-term and short-term needs of the institution in carrying out its purposes.
 - 5. General economic conditions.
 - 6. Possible effect of inflation or deflation.
 - 7. Other resources of the institution.
 - 8. Perpetuation of the endowment.

Expenditures made under this paragraph will be considered to be prudent if the amount expended is consistent with the goal of preserving the purchasing power of the endowment fund.

- (b) A restriction upon the expenditure of an endowment fund may not be implied from a designation of a gift as an endowment, or from a direction or authorization in the instrument to use only "income," "interest," "dividends," or "rents, issues, or profits," or "to preserve the principal intact," or words of similar import.
- (c) The provisions of paragraph (a) shall not apply to an instrument if the instrument so indicates by stating, "I direct that the expenditure provision of paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of the Florida Uniform Management of Institutional Funds Act not apply to this gift" or words of similar import.



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(d) This subsection does not limit the authority of a governing board to expend funds as permitted under other law, the terms of the instrument, or the charter of the institution.

- (e) Except as otherwise provided, this subsection applies to instruments executed or in effect before or after the effective date of this section.
 - (4) STANDARD OF CONDUCT. --
- (a) Members of a governing board shall invest and manage an institutional fund as a prudent investor would by considering the purposes, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the fund. In satisfying this standard, the governing board shall exercise reasonable care, skill, and caution.
- (b) A governing board's investment and management decisions about individual assets shall be made not in isolation but in the context of the institutional fund's portfolio of investments as a whole and as a part of an overall investment strategy having risk and return objectives reasonably suited to the fund and to the institution.
- (c) Among circumstances that a governing board shall consider are:
- 1. Long-term and short-term needs of the institution in carrying out its purposes.
 - 2. Its present and anticipated financial resources.
 - 3. General economic conditions.
 - 4. Possible effect of inflation or deflation.
- 5. Expected tax consequences, if any, of investment decisions or strategies.



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221 <u>6. The role that each investment or course of action plays</u>
222 <u>within the overall investment portfolio of the institutional</u>
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- 7. Expected total return from income and appreciation of its investments.
 - 8. Other resources of the institution.
- 9. Needs of the institution and the institutional fund for liquidity, regularity of income, and preservation or appreciation of capital.
- 10. An asset's special relationship or special value, if any, to the purposes of the applicable gift instrument or to the institution.
- (d) A governing board shall make a reasonable effort to verify the facts relevant to the investment and management of institutional fund assets.
- (e) A governing board shall diversify the investments of an institutional fund unless the board reasonably determines that, because of special circumstances, the purposes of the fund are better served without diversifying.
- (f) A governing board shall invest and manage the assets of an institutional fund solely in the interest of the institution.
- (5) INVESTMENT AUTHORITY.--In addition to an investment otherwise authorized by law or by the applicable gift instrument, and without restriction to investments a fiduciary may make, the governing board, subject to any specific limitations set forth in the applicable gift instrument or in



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the applicable law other than law relating to investments by a fiduciary:

- (a) Within a reasonable time after receiving property, shall review the property and make and implement decisions concerning the retention and disposition of the assets in order to bring the portfolio of the institutional fund into compliance with the purposes, terms, distribution requirements, and other circumstances of the institution and with the requirements of this section.
- (b) May invest in any kind of property or type of investment consistent with the standards of this section.
- (c) May include all or any part of an institutional fund in any pooled or common fund maintained by the institution.
- (d) May invest all or any part of the institutional fund in any other pooled or common fund available for investment, including shares or interests in regulated investment companies, mutual funds, common trust funds, investment partnerships, real estate investment trusts, or similar organizations in which funds are commingled and investment determinations are made by persons other than the governing board.
 - (6) DELEGATION OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT. --
- (a) Except as otherwise provided by applicable law relating to governmental institutions or funds, a governing board may delegate investment and management functions that a prudent governing body could properly delegate under the circumstances. A governing board shall exercise reasonable care, skill, and caution in:
 - 1. Selecting an agent.



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2. Establishing the scope and terms of the delegation consistent with the purposes of the institutional fund.

- 3. Periodically reviewing the agent's actions in order to monitor the agent's performance and the agent's compliance with the terms of the delegation.
- (b) In performing a delegated function, an agent owes a duty to the governing board to exercise reasonable care to comply with the terms of the delegation.
- (c) The members of a governing board who comply with the requirements of paragraph (a) are not liable for the decisions or actions of the agent to whom the function was delegated.
- (d) By accepting the delegation of an investment or management function from a governing board of an institution that is subject to the laws of this state, an agent submits to the jurisdiction of the courts of this state in all actions arising from the delegation.
- (7) INVESTMENT COSTS.--In investing and managing trust assets, a governing board may only incur costs that are appropriate and reasonable in relation to the assets and the purposes of the institution.
 - (8) RELEASE OF RESTRICTIONS ON USE OR INVESTMENT. --
- (a) With the written consent of the donor, a governing board may release, in whole or in part, a restriction imposed by the applicable instrument on the use or investment of an institutional fund.
- (b) If written consent of the donor cannot be obtained by reason of the donor's death, disability, unavailability, or impossibility of identification, a governing board may release,



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in whole or in part, a restriction imposed by the applicable instrument on the use or investment of an institutional fund if the fund has a total value of less than \$100,000 and if the governing board, in its fiduciary judgment, concludes that the value of the fund is insufficient to justify the cost of administration as a separate institutional fund.

- (c) If written consent of the donor cannot be obtained by reason of the donor's death, disability, unavailability, or impossibility of identification, a governing board may apply in the name of the institution to the circuit court of the county in which the institution is located for release of a restriction imposed by the applicable instrument on the use or investment of an institutional fund. The Attorney General shall be notified of the application and shall be given an opportunity to be heard. If the court finds that the restriction is unlawful, impracticable, impossible to achieve, or wasteful, it may by order release the restriction in whole or in part. A release under this subsection may not change an endowment fund to a fund that is not an endowment fund.
- (d) A release under this subsection may not allow a fund to be used for purposes other than the educational purposes of the institution affected.
- (e) This subsection does not limit the application of the doctrine of cy pres.
- (9) UNIFORMITY OF APPLICATION AND CONSTRUCTION. -- This act shall be so applied and construed as to effectuate its general purpose to make uniform the law with respect to the subject of this act among those states which enact it.



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Section 4. Section 1011.94, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.94 Trust Fund for University Major Gifts. --

There is established a Trust Fund for University Major Gifts. The purpose of the trust fund is to enable each university and New College to provide donors with an incentive in the form of matching grants for donations for the establishment of permanent endowments and sales tax exemption matching funds received pursuant to s. 212.08(5)(j), which must be invested, with the proceeds of the investment used to support university priorities as established by the university board of trustees libraries and instruction and research programs, as defined by the State Board of Education. All funds appropriated for the challenge grants, new donors, major gifts, sales tax exemption matching funds pursuant to s. 212.08(5)(j), or eminent scholars program must be deposited into the trust fund and invested pursuant to s. 18.125 until the Board of Governors State Board of Education allocates the funds to universities to match private donations. Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any undisbursed balance remaining in the trust fund and interest income accruing to the portion of the trust fund which is not matched and distributed to universities must remain in the trust fund and be used to increase the total funds available for challenge grants. Funds deposited in the trust fund for the sales tax exemption matching program authorized in s. 212.08(5)(j), and interest earnings thereon, shall be maintained in a separate account within the Trust Fund for University Major Gifts, and may be used only to match qualified



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sales tax exemptions that a certified business designates for use by state universities and community colleges to support research and development projects requested by the certified business. The <u>Board of Governors State Board of Education</u> may authorize any university to encumber the state matching portion of a challenge grant from funds available under s. 1011.45.

- (2) The <u>Board of Governors</u> State Board of Education shall specify the process for submission, documentation, and approval of requests for matching funds, accountability for endowments and proceeds of endowments, allocations to universities, restrictions on the use of the proceeds from endowments, and criteria used in determining the value of donations.
- (3)(a) The <u>Board of Governors</u> State Board of Education shall allocate the amount appropriated to the trust fund to each university and New College based on the amount of the donation and the restrictions applied to the donation.
- (b) Donations for a specific purpose must be matched in the following manner:
- 1. Each university that raises at least \$100,000 but no more than \$599,999 from a private source must receive a matching grant equal to 50 percent of the private contribution.
- 2. Each university that raises a contribution of at least \$600,000 but no more than \$1 million from a private source must receive a matching grant equal to 70 percent of the private contribution.
- 3. Each university that raises a contribution in excess of \$1 million but no more than \$1.5 million from a private source



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must receive a matching grant equal to 75 percent of the private contribution.

- 4. Each university that raises a contribution in excess of \$1.5 million but no more than \$2 million from a private source must receive a matching grant equal to 80 percent of the private contribution.
- 5. Each university that raises a contribution in excess of \$2 million from a private source must receive a matching grant equal to 100 percent of the private contribution.
- 6. The amount of matching funds used to match a single gift in any given year shall be limited to \$3 million. The total amount of matching funds available for any single gift shall be limited to \$15 million, to be distributed in equal amounts of \$3 million per year over a period of 5 years.
- (c) The <u>Board of Governors</u> State Board of Education shall encumber state matching funds for any pledged contributions, pro rata, based on the requirements for state matching funds as specified for the particular challenge grant and the amount of the private donations actually received by the university for the respective challenge grant.
- (4) Matching funds may be provided for contributions encumbered or pledged under the Eminent Scholars Act prior to July 1, 1994, and for donations or pledges of any amount equal to or in excess of the prescribed minimums which are pledged for the purpose of this section.
- (5)(a) Each university foundation and New College Foundation shall establish a challenge grant account for each challenge grant as a depository for private contributions and



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of Governors State Board of Education, the university, or New College. State matching funds must be transferred to a university foundation or New College Foundation upon notification that the university or New College has received and deposited the amount specified in this section in a foundation challenge grant account.

- (b) The foundation serving a university and New College Foundation each has the responsibility for the maintenance and investment of its challenge grant account and for the administration of the program on behalf of the university or New College, pursuant to procedures specified by the <u>Board of Governors State Board of Education</u>. Each foundation shall include in its annual report to the <u>Board of Governors State Board of Education</u> information concerning collection and investment of matching gifts and donations and investment of the account.
- (c) A donation of at least \$600,000 and associated state matching funds may be used to designate an Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair pursuant to procedures specified by the <u>Board of Governors State Board of Education</u>.
- (6) The donations, state matching funds, or proceeds from endowments established under this section may not be expended for the construction, renovation, or maintenance of facilities or for the support of intercollegiate athletics.
- Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 17.076, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 17.076 Direct deposit of funds.--



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(5) All direct deposit records made prior to October 1, 1986, are exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1). With respect to direct deposit records made on or after October 1, 1986, the names of the authorized financial institutions and the account numbers of the beneficiaries are confidential and exempt from the provisions of s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution. Notwithstanding this exemption and the provisions of s. 119.07(3)(dd), the department may provide a state university, upon request, with that university's employee or vendor direct deposit authorization information on file with the department in order to accommodate the transition to the university accounting system. The state university shall maintain the confidentiality of all such information provided by the department.

Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 20.055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 20.055 Agency inspectors general.--
- (1) For the purposes of this section:
- (a) "State agency" means each department created pursuant to this chapter, and also includes the Executive Office of the Governor, the Department of Military Affairs, the Board of Regents, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Public Service Commission, and the state courts system.

Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 110.161, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 110.161 State employees; pretax benefits program. --
- (2) As used in this section, "employee" means any individual filling an authorized and established position in the



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471 executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the state, including the employees of the State Board of Administration and state universities.

Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 112.215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 112.215 Government employees; deferred compensation program.--
- (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "employee" means any person, whether appointed, elected, or under contract, providing services for the state; any state agency or county or other political subdivision of the state; any municipality; any state university board of trustees; or any constitutional county officer under s. 1(d), Art. VIII of the State Constitution for which compensation or statutory fees are paid.
- Section 9. Subsections (1) through (6) of section 287.064, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
- 287.064 Consolidated financing of deferred-payment purchases.--
- The Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of Administration and the Comptroller shall plan and coordinate deferred-payment purchases made by or on behalf of the state or its agencies or by or on behalf of state universities or state community colleges participating under this section pursuant to s. 1001.74(5) or s. 1001.64(26), respectively. The Division of Bond Finance shall negotiate and the Comptroller shall execute agreements and contracts to establish master equipment financing agreements for consolidated financing of deferred-payment, installment sale, or lease purchases with a financial



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institution or a consortium of financial institutions. As used in this act, the term "deferred-payment" includes installment sale and lease-purchase.

- (a) The period during which equipment may be acquired under any one master equipment financing agreement shall be limited to not more than 3 years.
- (b) Repayment of the whole or a part of the funds drawn pursuant to the master equipment financing agreement may continue beyond the period established pursuant to paragraph (a).
- (c) The interest rate component of any master equipment financing agreement shall be deemed to comply with the interest rate limitation imposed in s. 287.063 so long as the interest rate component of every interagency, state university, or community college agreement entered into under such master equipment financing agreement complies with the interest rate limitation imposed in s. 287.063. Such interest rate limitation does not apply when the payment obligation under the master equipment financing agreement is rated by a nationally recognized rating service in any one of the three highest classifications, which rating services and classifications are determined pursuant to rules adopted by the Comptroller.
- (2) Unless specifically exempted by the Comptroller, all deferred-payment purchases, including those made by a <u>state</u> <u>university or community college</u> that is participating under this section, shall be acquired by funding through master equipment financing agreements. The Comptroller is authorized to exempt any purchases from consolidated financing when, in his or her



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judgment, alternative financing would be cost-effective or otherwise beneficial to the state.

- (3) The Comptroller may require agencies to enter into interagency agreements and may require participating <u>state</u> <u>universities or</u> community colleges to enter into systemwide agreements for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.
- (a) The term of any interagency or systemwide agreement shall expire on June 30 of each fiscal year but shall automatically be renewed annually subject to appropriations and deferred-payment schedules. The period of any interagency or systemwide agreement shall not exceed the useful life of the equipment for which the agreement was made as determined by the Comptroller.
- (b) The interagency or systemwide agreements may include, but are not limited to, equipment costs, terms, and a pro rata share of program and issuance expenses.
- (4) Each <u>state university or</u> community college may choose to have its purchasing agreements involving administrative and instructional materials consolidated under this section.
- (5) The Comptroller is authorized to automatically debit each agency's or state university's funds and each community college's portion of the Community College Program Fund consistently with the deferred-payment schedules.
- (6) There is created the Consolidated Payment Trust Fund in the Comptroller's office for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this act. All funds debited from each agency, state university, and each community college may be deposited in

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the trust fund and shall be used to meet the financial obligations incurred pursuant to this act. Any income from the investment of funds may be used to fund administrative costs associated with this program.

Section 10. Subsection (6) of section 440.38, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

- 440.38 Security for compensation; insurance carriers and self-insurers.--
- (6) The state and its boards, bureaus, departments, and agencies and all of its political subdivisions which employ labor, and the state universities, shall be deemed self-insurers under the terms of this chapter, unless they elect to procure and maintain insurance to secure the benefits of this chapter to their employees; and they are hereby authorized to pay the premiums for such insurance.
- Section 11. Subsection (19) of section 1001.74, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1001.74 Powers and duties of university boards of trustees.--
- (19) Each board of trustees shall establish the personnel program for all employees of the university, including the president, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 1012 and, in accordance with rules and guidelines of the State Board of Education, including: compensation and other conditions of employment, recruitment and selection, nonreappointment, standards for performance and conduct, evaluation, benefits and hours of work, leave policies, recognition and awards, inventions and works, travel, learning opportunities, exchange



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programs, academic freedom and responsibility, promotion, assignment, demotion, transfer, tenure and permanent status, ethical obligations and conflicts of interest, restrictive covenants, disciplinary actions, complaints, appeals and grievance procedures, and separation and termination from employment. The Department of Management Services shall retain authority over state university employees for programs established in ss. 110.123, 110.1232, 110.1234, and 110.1238, and 110.161 and in chapters 121, 122, and 238.

Section 12. Subsection (5) of section 1004.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1004.24 State Board of Education authorized to secure liability insurance.--

(5) Each self-insurance program council shall make provision for an annual financial audit pursuant to s. 11.45 postaudit of its financial accounts to be conducted by an independent certified public accountant. The annual audit report must include a management letter and shall be submitted to the State Board of Education for review. The State Board of Education shall have the authority to require and receive from the self-insurance program council or from its independent auditor any detail or supplemental data relative to the operation of the self-insurance program.

Section 13. Subsections (1) and (5) of section 1004.26, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1004.26 University student governments.--

(1) A student government is created on the main campus of each state university. In addition, each university board of

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trustees may establish a student government on any branch campus or center. Each student government is a part of the university at which it is established.

- (5) Each student government is a part of the university at which it is established. If an internal procedure of the university student government is disapproved by the university president under s. 229.0082(15), a member of the university board of trustees may request a review of the disapproved procedure at the next meeting of the board of trustees.
- Section 14. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 1004.445, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1004.445 Florida Alzheimer's Center and Research Institute.--
- (3) The State Board of Education shall provide in the agreement with the not-for-profit corporation for the following:
- (d) Preparation of an annual <u>financial audit pursuant to s. 11.45 postaudit</u> of the not-for-profit corporation's <u>financial</u> accounts and the <u>financial</u> accounts of any subsidiaries to be conducted by an independent certified public accountant. The annual audit report shall include management letters and shall be submitted to the Auditor General and the State Board of Education for review. The State Board of Education, the Auditor General, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall have the authority to require and receive from the not-for-profit corporation and any subsidiaries, or from their independent auditor, any detail or supplemental data relative to the operation of the not-for-profit corporation or subsidiary.

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Section 15. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph (d) is added to said subsection, and paragraph (k) is added to subsection (10) of said section, to read:

- 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in community colleges and state universities.
 - (2)(a) To qualify as a resident for tuition purposes:
- 1. A person or, if that person is a dependent child, his or her parent or parents must have established legal residence in this state and must have maintained legal residence in this state for at least 12 months immediately prior to his or her initial enrollment at a Florida postsecondary educational institution. For purposes of this section, the term "initial enrollment" is defined as the first day of class qualification.
- 2. Every applicant for admission to an institution of higher education shall be required to make a statement as to his or her length of residence in the state and, further, shall establish that his or her presence or, if the applicant is a dependent child, the presence of his or her parent or parents in the state currently is, and during the requisite 12-month qualifying period was, for the purpose of maintaining a bona fide domicile, rather than for the purpose of maintaining a mere temporary residence or abode incident to enrollment in an institution of higher education.
- (b) However, with respect to a dependent child living with an adult relative other than the child's parent, such child may



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qualify as a resident for tuition purposes if the adult relative is a legal resident who has maintained legal residence in this state for at least 12 months immediately prior to the child's initial enrollment at a Florida postsecondary educational institution qualification, provided the child has resided continuously with such relative for the 5 years immediately prior to the child's initial enrollment qualification, during which time the adult relative has exercised day-to-day care, supervision, and control of the child.

- (d) A person who is classified as a nonresident for tuition purposes may become eligible for reclassification as a resident for tuition purposes if that person, or if that person is a dependent child, his or her parent, presents documentation that supports permanent residency in this state, such as documentation of permanent full-time employment for the previous 12 months or the purchase of a home in this state and residence therein for the prior 12 months.
- (10) The following persons shall be classified as residents for tuition purposes:
- (k) A graduate teaching assistant or graduate research assistant while employed by a state university, when such employment is at least one-half time in a teaching or research assistant position that relates to the graduate assistant's degree program.

Section 16. Subsections (3) and (13) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.24 State university student fees.--



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Within proviso in the General Appropriations Act and law, each board of trustees shall set university tuition and fees. The sum of the activity and service, health, and athletic fees a student is required to pay to register for a course shall not exceed 40 percent of the tuition established in law or in the General Appropriations Act. No university shall be required to lower any fee in effect on the effective date of this act in order to comply with this subsection. Within the 40 percent cap, universities may not increase the aggregate sum of activity and service, health, and athletic fees more than 5 percent per year unless specifically authorized in law or in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection does not prohibit a university from increasing or assessing optional fees related to specific activities if payment of such fees is not required as a part of registration for courses. Except as otherwise provided by law, the sum of nonresident tuition and out-of-state fees charged to undergraduates shall be sufficient to defray the full cost of undergraduate education.

establish a nonrefundable admissions deposit for undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs in an amount not to exceed \$200. The admissions deposit shall be imposed at the time of an applicant's acceptance to the university and shall be applied toward tuition upon enrollment. In the event the applicant does not enroll in the university, the admissions deposit shall be deposited in an auxiliary account of the university and used to expand financial assistance, scholarships, and student academic and career counseling



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services at the university. A university board of trustees that establishes an admissions deposit pursuant to this subsection must also adopt policies that provide for the waiver of such deposit on the basis of financial hardship. The board of trustees of the University of Florida is authorized to establish an admissions deposit fee for the University of Florida College of Dentistry in an amount not to exceed \$200.

Section 17. Section 1012.975, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1012.975 Remuneration of state university presidents; limitations.--

- (1) DEFINITIONS. -- As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Cash-equivalent compensation" means any benefit that may be assigned an equivalent cash value.
- (b) "Public funds" means funds appropriated from the

 General Revenue Fund, funds appropriated from state trust funds,

 tuition and fees, or any funds from a state university trust

 fund regardless of repository.
- (c) "Remuneration" means salary, bonuses, and cashequivalent compensation paid to a state university president by
 his or her employer for work performed, excluding health
 insurance benefits and retirement benefits.
- (2) LIMITATION ON COMPENSATION. -- Notwithstanding any other law, resolution, or rule to the contrary, a state university president may not receive more than \$225,000 in remuneration annually from public funds. Only compensation, as such term is defined in s. 121.021(22), provided to a state university president may be used in calculating benefits under chapter 121.



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(3) EXCEPTIONS.--This section does not prohibit any party from providing cash or cash-equivalent compensation from funds that are not public funds to a state university president in excess of the limit in subsection (2). If a party is unable or unwilling to fulfill an obligation to provide cash or cash-equivalent compensation to a state university president as permitted under this subsection, public funds may not be used to fulfill such obligation.

Section 18. Except as otherwise provided herein, this act shall take effect July 1, 2003.