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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to state university student fees; amending
s. 1009.24, F.S.; providing an exemption from caps for an
increase in the athletic fee to defray the costs
associated with changing athletic competitive divisions;
requiring approval of such increase; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 1009.24, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.24 State university student fees.--

(3) 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. A university that changes athletic
competitive divisions may increase the athletic fee to defray
the costs associated with changing divisions. Any such increase
in the athletic fee is exempt from both the 40 percent cap and
the 5 percent cap on yearly increases in the sum of the activity

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30 and service, health, and athletic fees. Any such increase must
31 be approved by the athletic fee committee in the process
32 outlined in subsection (11) and cannot exceed \$2 per credit
33 hour. This subsection does not prohibit a university from
34 increasing or assessing optional fees related to specific
35 activities if payment of such fees is not required as a part of
36 registration for courses.

37 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.