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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to community college student fees;
 3 amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; revising the amount of the fee
 4 for capital improvements, technology enhancements, or
 5 equipping student buildings; revising the allocation for
 6 certain child care centers; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 1009.23, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1009.23 Community college student fees.--

13 (11) Each community college board of trustees may
 14 establish a separate fee for capital improvements, technology
 15 enhancements, or equipping student buildings which may not
 16 exceed 10 percent of tuition for resident students or 10 percent
 17 of the sum of tuition and out-of-state fees for nonresident
 18 students. The fee for resident students shall be limited to an
 19 increase of \$2 per credit hour over the prior year ~~\$1 per credit~~
 20 ~~hour or credit-hour equivalent for residents and which equals or~~
 21 ~~exceeds \$3 per credit hour for nonresidents.~~ Funds collected by
 22 community colleges through these fees may be bonded only for the
 23 purpose of financing or refinancing new construction and
 24 equipment, renovation, or remodeling of educational facilities.
 25 The fee shall be collected as a component part of the tuition
 26 and fees, paid into a separate account, and expended only to
 27 construct and equip, maintain, improve, or enhance the
 28 educational facilities of the community college. Projects funded
 29 through the use of the capital improvement fee shall meet the

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30 survey and construction requirements of chapter 1013. Pursuant
 31 to s. 216.0158, each community college shall identify each
 32 project, including maintenance projects, proposed to be funded
 33 in whole or in part by such fee. Capital improvement fee
 34 revenues may be pledged by a board of trustees as a dedicated
 35 revenue source to the repayment of debt, including lease-
 36 purchase agreements and revenue bonds, with a term not to exceed
 37 20 years, and not to exceed the useful life of the asset being
 38 financed, only for the new construction and equipment,
 39 renovation, or remodeling of educational facilities. Community
 40 colleges may use the services of the Division of Bond Finance of
 41 the State Board of Administration to issue any bonds authorized
 42 through the provisions of this subsection. Any such bonds issued
 43 by the Division of Bond Finance shall be in compliance with the
 44 provisions of the State Bond Act. Bonds issued pursuant to the
 45 State Bond Act shall be validated in the manner provided by
 46 chapter 75. The complaint for such validation shall be filed in
 47 the circuit court of the county where the seat of state
 48 government is situated, the notice required to be published by
 49 s. 75.06 shall be published only in the county where the
 50 complaint is filed, and the complaint and order of the circuit
 51 court shall be served only on the state attorney of the circuit
 52 in which the action is pending. A maximum of 15 percent ~~cents~~
 53 ~~per credit hour~~ may be allocated from the capital improvement
 54 fee for child care centers conducted by the community college.

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