



1 the student takes in excess of 115 percent of the credit hours  
2 required to earn an associate degree, except that a community  
3 college student who has earned the associate degree need not  
4 pay the full cost for a maximum of 24 hours taken while  
5 enrolled at a community college which apply to his or her  
6 baccalaureate degree.

7 (3) An undergraduate student who is enrolled in a  
8 university that is part of the state university system must  
9 pay the out-of-state tuition rate for credit hours that the  
10 student takes in excess of 115 percent of the credit hours  
11 required to complete the degree program in which he or she is  
12 enrolled, regardless of whether those hours were taken while  
13 enrolled at a community college, a state university, or any  
14 private postsecondary institution if the student received  
15 state funds while enrolled at the private postsecondary  
16 institution.

17 (4) An undergraduate student who is enrolled in a  
18 baccalaureate degree program at a community college must pay  
19 the out-of-state tuition rate for credit hours that the  
20 student takes in excess of 115 percent of the number of credit  
21 hours required to complete the degree program in which he or  
22 she is enrolled, regardless of whether those hours were taken  
23 while enrolled at a community college, a state university, or  
24 any private postsecondary institution if the student received  
25 state funds while enrolled at the private postsecondary  
26 institution.

27 Section 2. Section 1009.287, Florida Statutes, is  
28 created to read:

29 1009.287 Tuition rebates for having minimal excess  
30 hours.--

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1           (1) A student who has received a baccalaureate degree  
2 from a state university in this state is entitled to receive a  
3 rebate of 50 percent of any tuition fees that he or she has  
4 paid for all undergraduate credit hours in this state if he or  
5 she graduates without exceeding by more than 3 credit hours  
6 the required number of hours for his or her enrolled degree  
7 program.

8           (2) The maximum total amount of a rebate awarded under  
9 subsection (1) is \$1,000, and a rebate may not be given for  
10 any portion of a tuition fee that has been paid by a person or  
11 entity other than the student or his or her parent.

12           (3) A student must apply for such a rebate to the  
13 State Board of Education on a form devised by the state board  
14 and may not apply for the rebate until after he or she has  
15 been awarded the baccalaureate degree.

16           (4) Entitlement to the rebate provided for in this  
17 section is contingent upon legislative appropriation of  
18 funding for the year in which a student graduates and  
19 qualifies for the rebate.

20           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 2236

The committee substitute:

Requires the 115 percent excess credit hour policy to apply to students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program at a community college;

Provides that the excess credit hour policy applies to all associate and baccalaureate degree programs regardless of the number of hours required for completion of the programs; and

Revises the excess credit hour requirements to exclude credit hours taken at postsecondary institutions at which a student's cost to attend is not being funded or subsidized by the state.