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2 An act relating to the University of South  
3 Florida St. Petersburg; amending s. 1009.24,  
4 F.S.; authorizing the Campus Board of the  
5 university to submit a proposal to assess a  
6 student-center-support fee to the University of  
7 South Florida Board of Trustees for approval;  
8 providing a cap on the sum of the fees students  
9 are required to pay for courses; prohibiting  
10 the inclusion of the fee in calculating the  
11 amount a student receives under specified  
12 scholarship awards; providing procedures for  
13 fee recommendation and approval; providing  
14 authorized uses of revenues from such fee;  
15 providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Subsection (15) is added to section  
20 1009.24, Florida Statutes, to read:

21 1009.24 State university student fees.--

22 (15)(a) The Campus Board of the University of South  
23 Florida St. Petersburg is authorized to submit a proposal to  
24 the University of South Florida Board of Trustees to assess a  
25 student-center-support fee.

26 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3),  
27 the sum of the activity and service, health, athletic, and  
28 student-center-support fees that a student is required to pay  
29 to register for a course offered by the University of South  
30 Florida St. Petersburg shall not exceed 40 percent of the  
31 tuition established in law or in the General Appropriations

1 Act. However, the student-center-support fee assessed pursuant  
2 to this subsection is not subject to the 5 percent cap imposed  
3 by subsection (3).

4 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 1009.534,  
5 1009.535, and 1009.536, the student-center-support fee  
6 assessed under this subsection may not be included in  
7 calculating the amount a student receives for a Florida  
8 Academic Scholars award, a Florida Medallion Scholars award,  
9 or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.

10 (d) The fee must be recommended by a committee, at  
11 least half of whom are students appointed by the president of  
12 the student body. The Campus Board must appoint the remainder  
13 of the committee. A chair, appointed jointly by the Campus  
14 Board and the president of the student body, shall vote only  
15 in the event of a tie. The recommendations of the committee  
16 shall take effect only after approval by the university  
17 president, after consultation with the student body president,  
18 with final approval by the University of South Florida Board  
19 of Trustees.

20 (e) The revenues from the fee may be used to retire  
21 bonds or other forms of indebtedness issued or procured for  
22 the purposes of planning, constructing, equipping, and  
23 operating the student center facility.

24 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.  
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