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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Colleges & Universities Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

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

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

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

22 1009.24 State university student fees.--

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

27 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (3), the
 28 sum of the activity and service, health, athletic, and student-
 29 center-support fees that a student is required to pay to
 30 register for a course offered by the University of South Florida
 31 St. Petersburg shall not exceed 40 percent of the tuition
 32 established in law or in the General Appropriations Act.
 33 However, the student-center-support fee assessed pursuant to
 34 this subsection is not subject to the 5 percent cap imposed by
 35 subsection (3).

36 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 1009.534,
 37 1009.535, and 1009.536, the student-center-support fee assessed
 38 pursuant to this subsection shall not be included in calculating
 39 the amount a student receives for a Florida Academic Scholars
 40 award, a Florida Medallion Scholars award, or a Florida Gold
 41 Seal Vocational Scholars award.

42 (d) The fee must be recommended by a committee, at least
 43 half of whom are students appointed by the president of the
 44 student body. The Campus Board must appoint the remainder of the
 45 committee. A chair, appointed jointly by the Campus Board and
 46 the president of the student body, shall vote only in the event
 47 of a tie. The recommendations of the committee shall take effect
 48 only after approval by the university president, after
 49 consultation with the student body president, with final
 50 approval by the University of South Florida Board of Trustees.

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51 (e) The revenues from such fee may be used to retire bonds
52 or other forms of indebtedness issued or procured for the
53 purposes of planning, constructing, equipping, and operating the
54 student center facility.

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