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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to tuition rates at community colleges and
3 state universities; creating s. 1009.286, F.S.; requiring
4 students to pay 75 percent more than the in-state tuition
5 rate for credit hours in excess of a specified number of
6 credit hours required to complete a degree program;
7 excluding certain credit hours from calculation as hours
8 required to earn a degree; providing for notification of
9 students by a postsecondary institution; providing
10 applicability; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes, is created
15 to read:

16 1009.286 Additional student payment required for hours
17 exceeding graduation requirements.--

18 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to discourage
19 undergraduate students in postsecondary education from exceeding
20 the number of credit hours required to complete the students'
21 respective degree programs. Accordingly, a student must pay 75
22 percent more than the in-state tuition rate for any credit hours
23 that the student takes in excess of 120 percent of the number of
24 credit hours required to complete the degree program in which he
25 or she is enrolled.

26 (2) A student who is enrolled in a community college must
27 pay 75 percent more than the in-state tuition rate for credit
28 hours that the student takes in excess of 120 percent of the

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29 credit hours required to earn an associate degree, except that a
30 community college student who has earned an associate degree
31 need not pay the full cost for a maximum of 24 hours taken while
32 enrolled at a community college that apply to his or her
33 baccalaureate degree.

34 (3) An undergraduate student who is enrolled in a state
35 university must pay 75 percent more than the in-state tuition
36 rate for credit hours that the student takes in excess of 120
37 percent of the credit hours required to complete the degree
38 program in which he or she is enrolled, regardless of whether
39 those hours were taken while enrolled at a community college, a
40 state university, or any private postsecondary institution if
41 the student received state funds while enrolled at the private
42 postsecondary institution.

43 (4) An undergraduate student who is enrolled in a
44 baccalaureate degree program at a community college must pay 75
45 percent more than the in-state tuition rate for credit hours
46 that the student takes in excess of 120 percent of the number of
47 credit hours required to complete the degree program in which he
48 or she is enrolled, regardless of whether those hours were taken
49 while enrolled at a community college, a state university, or
50 any private postsecondary institution if the student received
51 state funds while enrolled at the private postsecondary
52 institution.

53 (5) Credit hours earned under the following circumstances
54 are not calculated as hours required to earn a degree:

55 (a) College credits earned through an accelerated
56 mechanism identified in s. 1007.27;

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57 (b) Credit hours earned through internship programs;

58 (c) Credit hours required for certification,
59 recertification, or certificate degrees;

60 (d) Credit hours in courses from which a student must
61 withdraw due to reasons of medical or personal hardship;

62 (e) Credit hours taken by active-duty military personnel;

63 (f) Credit hours required to achieve a dual major
64 undertaken while pursuing a degree;

65 (g) Credit hours in remedial courses and English as a
66 Second Language; and

67 (h) Credit hours earned in military science courses
68 (ROTC).

69 (6) Each postsecondary institution shall implement a
70 process for notifying students regarding this section. The
71 notice must be provided upon the student's initial enrollment in
72 the institution and again upon the student's having earned the
73 credit hours required to complete the degree program in which he
74 or she is enrolled. The notice must include a recommendation
75 that each student who intends to earn credit hours at the
76 institution beyond those required for his or her enrolled degree
77 program meet with his or her academic advisor.

78 (7) This section applies to freshmen enrolled in the fall
79 semester or term 2007 and all freshmen thereafter.

80 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.