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The Committee on Higher Education (Ring) recommended the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsections (12), (13), and (14) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (13), (14), and (15), respectively, and a new subsection (12) is added to that section, to read:

1009.24 State university student fees.--

(12)(a) Each university board of trustees may establish a technology fee to be paid by all students if the fee is supported by the student body of each university wishing to establish the fee. Student support for establishing the fee shall be determined by a referendum of the student body conducted by the student government association upon a request for such a referendum from the president of the university. A university's board of trustees may not consider establishment of the fee before a majority of the students

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1 participating in the referendum vote for establishing a  
2 technology fee. The referendum must include the proposed  
3 amount of the fee and an explanation of what technologies will  
4 be put into place or enhanced as a result of the fee being  
5 established. Any subsequent change in the technology fee shall  
6 be recommended by a technology fee committee, at least  
7 one-half of whom must be students appointed by the student  
8 body president. The remainder of the committee shall be  
9 appointed by the university president. A chairperson,  
10 appointed jointly by the university president and the student  
11 body president, shall vote only in the case of a tie. The  
12 committee's recommendation must be approved jointly by the  
13 university president and the student body president before  
14 being considered by the university board of trustees for final  
15 approval.

16 (b) A fee established under this section may not  
17 exceed \$10 per credit hour in the first year of  
18 implementation. In subsequent years, any increase in the fee  
19 established under this section may not exceed 8 percent per  
20 year unless otherwise specifically authorized by law or in the  
21 General Appropriations Act. A change in the technology fee may  
22 occur only once each fiscal year and must be implemented  
23 beginning with the fall term. Notwithstanding ss. 1009.53 and  
24 1009.531, the technology fee may not be included in any award  
25 under such sections.

26 (c) The technology fee shall be expended for  
27 establishing or improving the use of technology that benefits  
28 the students directly and may not be expended on technology  
29 resources that are not intended for general student use. The  
30 university board of trustees may not establish a technology  
31 fee under this section unless a majority of students voting in

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1 the referendum votes to establish the fee. The amount charged  
 2 for the fee and expenditure of the funds received from the fee  
 3 must be in accordance with the referendum. Funds received  
 4 from the fee which are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year  
 5 shall be carried over and remain available for technology  
 6 expenditures consistent with this paragraph during the next  
 7 fiscal year.

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

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12 And the title is amended as follows:

13 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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15 and insert:

16 A bill to be entitled  
 17 An act relating to postsecondary student fees;  
 18 amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; authorizing state  
 19 universities to charge a technology fee under  
 20 certain circumstances; providing certain  
 21 procedures for establishing and implementing  
 22 such fee; requiring a referendum and a vote  
 23 before university boards of trustees may  
 24 consider establishing such a fee; providing  
 25 requirements concerning the referendum;  
 26 specifying fee limits; providing for alteration  
 27 of an established fee by university boards of  
 28 trustees after approval of a technology fee  
 29 committee, the university president, and the  
 30 president of the student government of the  
 31 university; providing for membership of and

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1 appointment to the committee; specifying limits  
2 concerning fee changes; providing that the fee  
3 may not be included in certain awards;  
4 providing requirements for the expenditure of  
5 funds received from the fee; providing that any  
6 funds unexpended at the end of a fiscal year  
7 remain available for expenditure during the  
8 next fiscal year; providing an effective date.

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