## Florida Senate - 2007

By the Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Lawson

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to postsecondary student fees;
3	amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; authorizing state
4	universities to charge a technology fee under
5	certain circumstances; providing certain
б	procedures for establishing and implementing
7	such fee; requiring a referendum and a vote
8	before university boards of trustees may
9	consider establishing such a fee; providing
10	requirements concerning the referendum;
11	specifying fee limits; providing for alteration
12	of an established fee by university boards of
13	trustees after approval of a technology fee
14	committee, the university president, and the
15	president of the student government of the
16	university; providing for membership of and
17	appointment to the committee; specifying limits
18	concerning fee changes; providing that the fee
19	may not be included in certain awards;
20	providing requirements for the expenditure of
21	funds received from the fee; providing that any
22	funds unexpended at the end of a fiscal year
23	remain available for expenditure during the
24	next fiscal year; providing an effective date.
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26	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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28	Section 1. Subsections (12), (13), and (14) of section
29	1009.24, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections
30	(13), (14), and (15), respectively, and a new subsection (12)
31	is added to that section, to read:
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1 1009.24 State university student fees.--2 (12)(a) Each university board of trustees may establish a technology fee to be paid by all students if the 3 4 fee is supported by the student body of each university wishing to establish the fee. Student support for establishing 5 6 the fee shall be determined by a referendum of the student 7 body conducted by the student government association upon a 8 request for such a referendum from the president of the university. A university's board of trustees may not consider 9 10 establishment of the fee before a majority of the students participating in the referendum vote for establishing a 11 12 technology fee. The referendum must include the proposed 13 amount of the fee and an explanation of what technologies will be put into place or enhanced as a result of the fee being 14 established. Any subsequent change in the technology fee shall 15 be recommended by a technology fee committee, at least 16 17 one-half of whom must be students appointed by the student 18 body president. The remainder of the committee shall be appointed by the university president. A chairperson, 19 appointed jointly by the university president and the student 2.0 21 body president, shall vote only in the case of a tie. The 2.2 committee's recommendation must be approved jointly by the 23 university president and the student body president before being considered by the university board of trustees for final 2.4 25 <u>approval</u>. (b) A fee established under this section may not 26 27 exceed \$10 per credit hour in the first year of 2.8 implementation. In subsequent years, any increase in the fee established under this section may not exceed 8 percent per 29 year unless otherwise specifically authorized by law or in the 30 General Appropriations Act. A change in the technology fee may 31

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1	occur only once each fiscal year and must be implemented
2	beginning with the fall term. Notwithstanding ss. 1009.53 and
3	1009.531, the technology fee may not be included in any award
4	under such sections.
5	(c) The technology fee shall be expended for
б	establishing or improving the use of technology that benefits
7	the students directly and may not be expended on technology
8	resources that are not intended for general student use. The
9	university board of trustees may not establish a technology
10	fee under this section unless a majority of students voting in
11	the referendum votes to establish the fee. The amount charged
12	for the fee and expenditure of the funds received from the fee
13	must be in accordance with the referendum. Funds received from
14	the fee which are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall
15	be carried over and remain available for technology
16	expenditures consistent with this paragraph during the next
17	fiscal year.
18	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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20	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
21	Senate Bill 850
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23	The committee substitute provides that a university board of trustees may not establish a technology fee without the
24	support of a majority of students in a referendum. The fee charged and technology expenditures must be in accordance with
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