



1           1009.24 State university student fees.--  
2           (12)(a) Each university board of trustees may  
3 establish a technology fee to be paid by all students if the  
4 fee is supported by the student body of each university  
5 wishing to establish the fee. Student support for establishing  
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  
9 university. A university's board of trustees may not consider  
10 establishment of the fee before a majority of the students  
11 participating in the referendum vote for establishing a  
12 technology fee. The referendum must include the proposed  
13 amount of the fee and an explanation of what technologies will  
14 be put into place or enhanced as a result of the fee being  
15 established. Any subsequent change in the technology fee shall  
16 be recommended by a technology fee committee, at least  
17 one-half of whom must be students appointed by the student  
18 body president. The remainder of the committee shall be  
19 appointed by the university president. A chairperson,  
20 appointed jointly by the university president and the student  
21 body president, shall vote only in the case of a tie. The  
22 committee's recommendation must be approved jointly by the  
23 university president and the student body president before  
24 being considered by the university board of trustees for final  
25 approval.  
26           (b) A fee established under this section may not  
27 exceed \$10 per credit hour in the first year of  
28 implementation. In subsequent years, any increase in the fee  
29 established under this section may not exceed 8 percent per  
30 year unless otherwise specifically authorized by law or in the  
31 General Appropriations Act. A change in the technology fee may

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  
6 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  
21 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
22 Senate Bill 850

23 The committee substitute provides that a university board of  
24 trustees may not establish a technology fee without the  
25 support of a majority of students in a referendum. The fee  
26 charged and technology expenditures must be in accordance with  
27 the results of the student referendum.  
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