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Proposed Committee Substitute by the Committee on Higher Education
Appropriations

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to university tuition; amending s.
3 1009.24, F.S.; revising requirements for the Board of
4 Governors in establishing a uniform maximum undergraduate
5 tuition differential for universities that have research
6 and development expenditures of a specified amount;
7 allowing the university board of trustees to maintain the
8 differential unless otherwise directed by the Board of
9 Governors; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (16) of section 1009.24, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1009.24 State university student fees.--

16 (16) The Board of Governors may establish a uniform maximum
17 undergraduate tuition differential that does not exceed 40
18 percent of tuition for all universities that meet the criteria
19 for Funding Level 1 under s. 1004.635(3), and may establish a
20 uniform maximum undergraduate tuition differential that does not
21 exceed 30 percent of tuition for all universities that have total
22 research and development expenditures for all fields of at least
23 \$100 million per year as reported annually to the National
24 Science Foundation ~~meet the criteria for Funding Level 2 under s.~~
25 ~~1004.635(3).~~ Once these criteria have been met and the
26 differential established by the Board of Governors, the board of
27 trustees of a qualified university may maintain the differential



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28 | unless otherwise directed by the Board of Governors. However, the
29 | board shall ensure that the maximum tuition differential it
30 | establishes for universities meeting the Funding Level 1 criteria
31 | is at least 30 percent greater than the maximum tuition
32 | differential the board establishes for universities that meet the
33 | required Funding Level 2 criteria for research and development
34 | expenditures. The tuition differential is subject to the
35 | following conditions:

36 | (a) The sum of tuition and the tuition differential may not
37 | be increased by more than 15 percent of the total charged for
38 | these fees in the preceding fiscal year.

39 | (b) The tuition differential may not be calculated as a
40 | part of the scholarship programs established in ss. 1009.53-
41 | 1009.537.

42 | (c) Beneficiaries having prepaid tuition contracts pursuant
43 | to s. 1009.98(2)(b) which were in effect on July 1, 2007, and
44 | which remain in effect, are exempt from the payment of the
45 | tuition differential.

46 | (d) The tuition differential may not be charged to any
47 | student who was in attendance at the university before July 1,
48 | 2007, and who maintains continuous enrollment.

49 | (e) The tuition differential may be waived by the
50 | university for students who meet the eligibility requirements for
51 | the Florida public student assistance grant established in s.
52 | 1009.50.

53 | (f) A university board of trustees that has been authorized
54 | by the Board of Governors to establish a tuition differential
55 | pursuant to this subsection may establish the tuition
56 | differential at a rate lower than the maximum tuition



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57 differential established by the board, but may not exceed the
58 maximum tuition differential established by the board.

59 (g) The revenue generated from the tuition differential
60 must be spent solely for improving the quality of direct
61 undergraduate instruction and support services.

62 (h) Information relating to the annual receipt and
63 expenditure of the proceeds from the assessment of the tuition
64 differential shall be reported by the university in accordance
65 with guidelines established by the Board of Governors.

66 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.