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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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4/22/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Higher Education Appropriations (Oelrich)
 2 recommended the following **amendment**:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete line(s) 8-9

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.24 State university student fees.--

(4) (a)1. Effective January 1, 2008, undergraduate tuition is \$77.39 per credit hour.

2. Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year thereafter, the undergraduate tuition per credit hour shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided ~~Except as otherwise provided by law, undergraduate tuition shall be established annually in the General Appropriations Act. The Office of~~

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18 Economic and Demographic Research shall report the rate of
19 inflation to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the
20 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Board of
21 Governors each year before March 1. For purposes of this
22 subparagraph, the rate of inflation is the rate of the 12-month
23 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban
24 Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, or successor reports as
25 reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of
26 Labor Statistics, or its successor for December of the previous
27 year. If the percentage change is negative, the undergraduate
28 tuition shall remain at the same level as the prior fiscal year.

29 3. The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may
30 establish the out-of-state fee for undergraduate courses. The sum
31 of the undergraduate tuition and the out-of-state fee assessed to
32 nonresident students for undergraduate courses must be sufficient
33 to offset the full instructional cost of serving such students.
34 However, adjustments to the out-of-state fee pursuant to this
35 subparagraph may not exceed 10 percent in any year.

36 (b) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may
37 establish ~~tuition for graduate tuition and professional programs,~~
38 and ~~the~~ out-of-state ~~fee fees~~ for ~~graduate-level courses all~~
39 ~~programs~~. The sum of ~~graduate~~ tuition and ~~the~~ out-of-state ~~fee~~
40 ~~fees~~ assessed to nonresident students ~~for graduate-level courses~~
41 must be sufficient to offset the full instructional cost of
42 servicing such students. However, adjustments to ~~the~~ out-of-state
43 ~~fee fees~~ or ~~graduate~~ tuition ~~for graduate and professional~~
44 ~~programs~~ pursuant to this ~~paragraph~~ ~~section~~ may not exceed 10
45 percent in any year.

46 (c) Each university board of trustees may establish tuition
47 and the out-of-state fee for each professional program offered by



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48 the university. The sum of tuition and the out-of-state fee
49 assessed to nonresident students in professional programs must be
50 sufficient to offset the full instructional cost of serving such
51 students. Adjustments to tuition or the out-of-state fee for any
52 student who was enrolled in a professional program before the
53 2008 fall term and maintained continuous enrollment in good
54 academic standing in such program as determined by the university
55 may not exceed 10 percent in any year.

56 (d) The sum of the activity and service, health, and
57 athletic fees a student is required to pay to register for a
58 course may ~~shall~~ not exceed 40 percent of the tuition established
59 in law or in the General Appropriations Act. A ~~No~~ university may
60 not ~~shall~~ be required to lower any fee in effect on the effective
61 date of this act in order to comply with this paragraph
62 ~~subsection~~. Within the 40 percent cap, universities may not
63 increase the aggregate sum of activity and service, health, and
64 athletic fees more than 5 percent per year unless specifically
65 authorized in law or in the General Appropriations Act. A
66 university may increase its athletic fee to defray the costs
67 associated with changing National Collegiate Athletic Association
68 divisions. Any such increase in the athletic fee may exceed both
69 the 40 percent cap and the 5 percent cap imposed by this
70 paragraph ~~subsection~~. Any such increase must be approved by the
71 athletic fee committee in the process outlined in subsection (11)
72 and cannot exceed \$2 per credit hour. Notwithstanding the
73 provisions of ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, that portion
74 of any increase in an athletic fee pursuant to this subsection
75 that causes the sum of the activity and service, health, and
76 athletic fees to exceed the 40 percent cap or the annual increase
77 in such fees to exceed the 5 percent cap shall not be included in



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78 | calculating the amount a student receives for a Florida Academic
 79 | Scholars award, a Florida Medallion Scholars award, or a Florida
 80 | Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.

81 | (e) This subsection does not prohibit a university from
 82 | increasing or assessing optional fees related to specific
 83 | activities if payment of such fees is not required as a part of
 84 | registration for courses.

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 86 | ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

87 | And the title is amended as follows:

88 | Delete line(s) 2-4

89 | and insert:

90 | An act relating to college tuition; amending s. 1009.24,
 91 | F.S.; providing for the cost of undergraduate tuition per
 92 | credit hour; providing for the annual adjustment of
 93 | undergraduate tuition based on the rate of inflation;
 94 | authorizing the Board of Governors to establish the out-
 95 | of-state fee for undergraduate and graduate-level courses;
 96 | authorizing the Board of Governors to establish graduate
 97 | tuition; authorizing the university board of trustees to
 98 | establish tuition and the out-of-state fee for
 99 | professional programs; providing that the adjustment to
 100 | tuition or the out-of-state fee may not exceed a certain
 101 | percentage for certain students; providing an effective
 102 | date.