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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 postsecondary student fees; amending s.
3 1009.22, F.S.; revising provisions relating to workforce
4 education postsecondary student fees; prohibiting the fee
5 from exceeding a certain percentage of the tuition per
6 credit hour and the out-of-state fee; requiring that such
7 fees be used to enhance instructional technology
8 resources; prohibiting the fee from being included in any
9 award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
10 Program; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; conforming provisions
11 relating to community college student fees to changes made
12 by the act; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising provisions
13 relating to state university student fees; requiring a
14 referendum of the student body in which a majority of the
15 students vote to establish the technology fee; requiring
16 each university board of trustees to report to the
17 Legislature and the Board of Governors by a certain date
18 each year regarding such fee; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 1009.22, Florida
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

24 1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.--
25 (7) Each district school board and community college board
26 of trustees is authorized to establish a separate fee for
27 technology, not to exceed 5 percent of the tuition per credit



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28 ~~hour and the out-of-state fee \$1.80 per credit hour or credit~~
29 ~~hour equivalent for resident students and not more than \$5.40 per~~
30 ~~credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for nonresident students,~~
31 ~~or the equivalent,~~ to be used to enhance instructional technology
32 resources for students and faculty expended in accordance with
33 ~~technology improvement plans.~~ The technology fee may apply only
34 to associate degree programs and courses and shall not be
35 included in any award under the Florida Bright Futures
36 Scholarship Program. Fifty percent of technology fee revenues may
37 be pledged by a community college board of trustees as a
38 dedicated revenue source for the repayment of debt, including
39 lease-purchase agreements, not to exceed the useful life of the
40 asset being financed. Revenues generated from the technology fee
41 may not be bonded.

42 Section 2. Subsections (3) and (10) of section 1009.23,
43 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

44 1009.23 Community college student fees.--

45 (3) (a) Effective January 1, 2008, for advanced and
46 professional, postsecondary vocational, college preparatory, and
47 educator preparation institute programs, the following tuition
48 and fee rates shall apply:

49 1. The ~~sum of the standard tuition and the technology fee~~
50 shall be \$51.35 per credit hour for students who are residents
51 for tuition purposes.

52 2. The sum of the standard tuition, ~~the technology fee,~~ and
53 the out-of-state fee shall be \$154.14 per credit hour for
54 students who are nonresidents for tuition purposes.

55 (b) Effective January 1, 2008, for baccalaureate degree
56 programs, the following tuition and fee rates shall apply:



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57 | 1. The ~~sum of the~~ tuition and the ~~technology fee~~ shall be
58 | \$65.47 per credit hour for students who are residents for tuition
59 | purposes.

60 | 2. The sum of the tuition, ~~the technology fee,~~ and the out-
61 | of-state fee per credit hour for students who are nonresidents
62 | for tuition purposes shall be no more than 85 percent of the sum
63 | of the tuition and the out-of-state fee at the state university
64 | nearest the community college.

65 | (c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year
66 | thereafter, the tuition and fees specified in paragraphs (a) and
67 | (b) shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a
68 | rate equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided in the General
69 | Appropriations Act. The Office of Economic and Demographic
70 | Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of
71 | the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
72 | Governor, and the State Board of Education each year prior to
73 | March 1. For purposes of this paragraph, the rate of inflation
74 | shall be defined as the rate of the 12-month percentage change in
75 | the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City
76 | Average, All Items, or successor reports as reported by the
77 | United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or
78 | its successor for December of the previous year. In the event the
79 | percentage change is negative, the sum of the tuition and ~~the~~
80 | ~~technology fee per credit hour and~~ the out-of-state fee per
81 | credit hour shall remain at the same levels as the prior fiscal
82 | year.

83 | (10) Each community college board of trustees is authorized
84 | to establish a separate fee for technology, which may not exceed
85 | 5 percent of the tuition per credit hour and the out-of-state fee
86 | ~~\$1.80 per credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for resident~~



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87 ~~students and not more than \$5.40 per credit hour or credit hour~~
88 ~~equivalent for nonresident students, to be used to enhance~~
89 ~~instructional technology resources for students and faculty~~
90 ~~expended according to technology improvement plans.~~ The
91 technology fee may apply to both college credit and college-
92 preparatory instruction and shall not be included in any award
93 under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Fifty
94 percent of technology fee revenues may be pledged by a community
95 college board of trustees as a dedicated revenue source for the
96 repayment of debt, including lease-purchase agreements, not to
97 exceed the useful life of the asset being financed. Revenues
98 generated from the technology fee may not be bonded.

99 Section 3. Paragraph (s) of subsection (13) of section
100 1009.24, Florida Statutes, as created by section 5 of chapter
101 2007-329, Laws of Florida, is amended to read:

102 1009.24 State university student fees.--

103 (13) Each university board of trustees is authorized to
104 establish the following fees:

105 (s) A technology fee of up to 5 percent of the tuition per
106 credit hour, ~~beginning with the fall term of the 2009-2010~~
107 ~~academic year.~~ The establishment of this fee is contingent upon a
108 referendum of the student body in which a majority of the
109 students participating in such referendum vote to support the
110 establishment of the technology fee. The revenue from this fee
111 shall be used to enhance instructional technology resources for
112 students and faculty. By September 1 of each year, each board of
113 trustees shall report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker
114 of the House of Representatives, and the Board of Governors the
115 total amount of revenue generated by the technology fee for the
116 prior academic year and how the revenue was expended to support



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117 | technology as required in this paragraph. The technology fee
118 | shall not be included in any award under the Florida Bright
119 | Futures Scholarship Program.

120 | Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.