

By the Committee on Higher Education Appropriations; and Senator Lynn

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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
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~~

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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 and shall not be included in
33 any award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
34 ~~expended in accordance with technology improvement plans. The~~
35 ~~technology fee may apply only to associate degree programs and~~
36 ~~courses.~~ Fifty percent of technology fee revenues may be pledged
37 by a community college board of trustees as a dedicated revenue
38 source for the repayment of debt, including lease-purchase
39 agreements, not to exceed the useful life of the asset being
40 financed. Revenues generated from the technology fee may not be
41 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

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86 ~~\$1.80 per credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for resident~~
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

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115 total amount of revenue generated by the technology fee for the
116 prior academic year and how the revenue was expended to support
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.