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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
Comm: RCS	.	
3/19/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Higher Education (Constantine) recommended the
 2 following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

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 6 Between lines 56 and 57

7 insert:

8 Section 2. Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes, is created
 9 to read:

10 1009.286 Additional payment for credit hours exceeding
 11 graduation requirements.--

12 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage each
 13 undergraduate student in postsecondary education to complete the
 14 student's respective degree program in the most efficient way
 15 possible while, at the same time, providing for access to
 16 additional college coursework. The Legislature therefore intends
 17 to enact a policy that provides incentives for efficient degree

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18 completion and requires a student to pay 50 percent more than the
19 in-state tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of 150
20 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete the
21 degree program in which he or she is enrolled.

22 (2) This section applies to each freshman entering
23 postsecondary education as a first-time college student in the
24 2008 fall semester and to all first-time college freshmen
25 thereafter.

26 (3) For purposes of this section, the term "first-time
27 college student" means a student attending a state postsecondary
28 institution for the first time who has no prior credit toward a
29 degree or formal award from any other postsecondary institution
30 and who is enrolled in college-level courses pursuing completion
31 of a degree.

32 (4) Each community college district board of trustees may
33 enact policies requiring counseling and advising for any student
34 subject to this section prior to completion of 24 earned credit
35 hours to ensure that the student is making efficient and
36 appropriate progress toward a degree.

37 (5) Any student subject to this section who has earned
38 credits in excess of 120 percent of the required credit hours
39 toward completion of his or her degree program shall meet with an
40 advisor in order to prepare an educational plan outlining
41 efficient completion of his or her degree prior to registering
42 for further classes.

43 (6) The Department of Education shall develop a
44 performance-based budgeting methodology to encourage community
45 colleges to support students in progressing quickly toward their
46 academic goal. Specifically, the methodology should measure and
47 reward the following policy goals:



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48 (a) Increase the percentage of students graduating with
 49 fewer than 120 percent of the credit hours needed to complete a
 50 degree;

51 (b) Decrease the number of unqualified withdrawals; and

52 (c) Decrease the number of students persisting towards
 53 their academic goal with more than 120 percent of the credit
 54 hours required for a degree.

55 (7) Any student subject to this section who has earned in
 56 excess of 150 percent of the credit hours required for completion
 57 of his or her degree shall pay an increase of 50 percent per
 58 credit hour above the normal in-state tuition rate. A student may
 59 be granted an exemption from the additional fee only if an appeal
 60 has been granted by the postsecondary institution based upon
 61 documented extenuating circumstances.

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 63 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

64 And the title is amended as follows:

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 66 On line 4, after the semicolon,
 67 insert:

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 69 creating s. 1009.286, F.S.; providing legislative intent;
 70 requiring that freshmen entering a secondary institution
 71 after a specified date who exceed 150 percent of the
 72 number of credit hours required to receive a degree must
 73 pay an increase of 50 percent per credit hour above the
 74 normal in-state tuition rate; requiring that the
 75 institution provide counseling and advisement to a student
 76 under certain circumstances; requiring the Department of
 77 Education to develop a performance-based methodology for



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78 | community colleges to help students meet their academic
79 | goals; providing that a student may be granted an
80 | exemption from the increased tuition rate;