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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to state university student fees; amending
3 s. 1009.24, F.S.; modifying the criteria for establishing
4 a uniform maximum undergraduate tuition differential;
5 providing an effective date.
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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (16) of section 1009.24, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1009.24 State university student fees.--

12 (16) The Board of Governors may establish a uniform maximum
13 undergraduate tuition differential that does not exceed 40
14 percent of tuition for all universities that meet the criteria
15 for Funding Level 1 under s. 1004.635(3), and may establish a
16 uniform maximum undergraduate tuition differential that does not
17 exceed 30 percent of tuition for all universities that have
18 research expenditures from externally awarded contracts and
19 grants of at least \$100 million per year ~~meet the criteria for~~
20 ~~Funding Level 2 under s. 1004.635(3)~~. However, the board shall
21 ensure that the maximum tuition differential it establishes for
22 universities meeting the Funding Level 1 criteria is at least 30
23 percent greater than the maximum tuition differential the board
24 establishes for universities that meet the required Funding Level
25 2 criteria for research contracts. The tuition differential is
26 subject to the following conditions:

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

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30 (b) The tuition differential may not be calculated as a
31 part of the scholarship programs established in ss. 1009.53-
32 1009.537.

33 (c) Beneficiaries having prepaid tuition contracts pursuant
34 to s. 1009.98(2)(b) which were in effect on July 1, 2007, and
35 which remain in effect, are exempt from the payment of the
36 tuition differential.

37 (d) The tuition differential may not be charged to any
38 student who was in attendance at the university before July 1,
39 2007, and who maintains continuous enrollment.

40 (e) The tuition differential may be waived by the
41 university for students who meet the eligibility requirements for
42 the Florida public student assistance grant established in s.
43 1009.50.

44 (f) A university board of trustees that has been authorized
45 by the Board of Governors to establish a tuition differential
46 pursuant to this subsection may establish the tuition
47 differential at a rate lower than the maximum tuition
48 differential established by the board, but may not exceed the
49 maximum tuition differential established by the board.

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

53 (h) Information relating to the annual receipt and
54 expenditure of the proceeds from the assessment of the tuition
55 differential shall be reported by the university in accordance
56 with guidelines established by the Board of Governors.

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