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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representatives Precourt, Traviesa, Coley, and Cannon offered  
2 the following:

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4 **Amendment to Senate Amendment (202094) (with title**  
5 **amendment)**

6 Between lines 71 and 72, insert:

7 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 1005.32, Florida  
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 1005.32 Licensure by means of accreditation.--

10 (1) An independent postsecondary educational institution  
11 that meets the following criteria may apply for a license by  
12 means of accreditation from the commission:

13 (a) The institution has operated legally in this state for  
14 at least 5 consecutive years.

15 (b) The institution holds institutional accreditation by  
16 an accrediting agency evaluated and approved by the commission  
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17 as having standards substantially equivalent to the commission's  
18 licensure standards.

19 (c) The institution has no unresolved complaints or  
20 actions in the past 12 months.

21 (d) The institution meets minimum requirements for  
22 financial responsibility as determined by the commission.

23 ~~(e) The institution is a Florida corporation.~~

24 Section 3. Subsection (7) of section 1007.24, Florida  
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 1007.24 Statewide course numbering system.--

27 (7) Any student who transfers among postsecondary  
28 institutions that are fully accredited by a regional or national  
29 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of  
30 Education and that participate in the statewide course numbering  
31 system shall be awarded credit by the receiving institution for  
32 courses satisfactorily completed by the student at the previous  
33 institutions. Credit shall be awarded if the courses are judged  
34 by the appropriate statewide course numbering system faculty  
35 committees representing school districts, public postsecondary  
36 educational institutions, and participating nonpublic  
37 postsecondary educational institutions to be academically  
38 equivalent to courses offered at the receiving institution,  
39 including equivalency of faculty credentials, regardless of the  
40 United States Department of Education recognized accrediting  
41 agency and public or nonpublic control of the previous  
42 institution. The Department of Education shall ensure that  
43 credits to be accepted by a receiving institution are generated  
44 in courses for which the faculty possess credentials that are

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45 comparable to those required by the accrediting association of  
46 the receiving institution. The award of credit may be limited to  
47 courses that are entered in the statewide course numbering  
48 system. Credits awarded pursuant to this subsection shall  
49 satisfy institutional requirements on the same basis as credits  
50 awarded to native students.

51 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 1009.265, Florida  
52 Statutes, is amended to read:

53 1009.265 State employee fee waivers.--

54 (1) As a benefit to the employer and employees of the  
55 state, ~~subject to approval by an employee's agency head or the~~  
56 ~~equivalent~~, each state university and community college shall  
57 waive tuition and fees for state employees to enroll for up to 6  
58 credit hours of courses, including distance learning or online  
59 courses, per term on a space-available basis. The employee must  
60 have the approval of his or her supervisor to use the waiver to  
61 take a course or courses during normal work hours. For purposes  
62 of implementing this section, the space available in a course is  
63 to be determined based on the number of seats or capacity  
64 remaining in the course at the end of the drop-add period. State  
65 employee fee waivers may not be used for dissertation, thesis,  
66 directed individual study (DIS), or other one-to-one  
67 instruction.

68 Section 5. Section 196.192, Florida Statutes, is amended  
69 to read:

70 196.192 Exemptions from ad valorem taxation.--Subject to  
71 the provisions of this chapter:

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72 (1) All property owned by an exempt entity, including  
73 educational institutions, and used exclusively for exempt  
74 purposes shall be totally exempt from ad valorem taxation.

75 (2) All property owned by an exempt entity, including  
76 educational institutions, and used predominantly for exempt  
77 purposes shall be exempted from ad valorem taxation to the  
78 extent of the ratio that such predominant use bears to the  
79 nonexempt use.

80 (3) All tangible personal property loaned or leased by a  
81 natural person, by a trust holding property for a natural  
82 person, or by an exempt entity to an exempt entity for public  
83 display or exhibition on a recurrent schedule is exempt from ad  
84 valorem taxation if the property is loaned or leased for no  
85 consideration or for nominal consideration.

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87 For purposes of this section, each use to which the property is  
88 being put must be considered in granting an exemption from ad  
89 valorem taxation, including any economic use in addition to any  
90 physical use. For purposes of this section, property owned by a  
91 limited liability company, the sole member of which is an exempt  
92 entity, shall be treated as if the property were owned directly  
93 by the exempt entity. This section does not apply in determining  
94 the exemption for property owned by governmental units pursuant  
95 to s. 196.199.

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98 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

99 Remove lines 79-89 and insert:

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HOUSE AMENDMENT  
Bill No. CS/CS/HB 745

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100 An act relating to postsecondary education; amending s. 1009.24,  
101 F.S.; revising requirements for the Board of Governors in  
102 establishing tuition and out-of-state fees for graduate and  
103 professional programs; revising requirements for the Board of  
104 Governors in establishing a uniform maximum undergraduate  
105 tuition differential for universities that have research and  
106 development expenditures of a specified amount; allowing the  
107 university board of trustees to maintain the differential unless  
108 otherwise directed by the Board of Governors; amending s.  
109 1005.32, F.S.; revising requirements for application for  
110 licensure by accreditation by an independent postsecondary  
111 educational institution; amending s. 1007.24, F.S.; revising  
112 provisions regarding determination of equivalency of courses;  
113 amending s. 1009.265, F.S.; revising conditions for the use of  
114 state employee fee waivers; amending s. 196.192, F.S.;  
115 specifying educational institutions as exempt entities for  
116 purposes of exemptions from ad valorem taxation for property  
117 owned by exempt entities; providing an effective date.

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