

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

26 The tuition differential is subject to the following conditions:

27 (a) The sum of tuition and the tuition differential may
 28 not be increased by more than 15 percent of the total charged

29 | for these fees in the preceding fiscal year.

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
34 | pursuant to s. 1009.98(2)(b) which were in effect on July 1,
35 | 2007, and which remain in effect, are exempt from the payment of
36 | the 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
42 | for the Florida public student assistance grant established in
43 | s. 1009.50.

44 | (f) A university board of trustees that has been
45 | authorized by the Board of Governors to establish a tuition
46 | differential pursuant to this subsection may establish the
47 | tuition 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.

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