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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Higher Education (Lynn) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

1009.286 Additional student payment required for hours exceeding graduation requirements.—

(1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage each undergraduate student who enrolls in a state university to complete the student's respective baccalaureate degree program



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12 in the most efficient way possible while providing for access to  
13 additional college coursework. Therefore, the Legislature  
14 intends to enact a policy that provides incentives for efficient  
15 baccalaureate degree completion.

16 (2) State universities shall require a student to pay an  
17 excess hour surcharge equal to 50 percent of the tuition rate  
18 for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent of the number of  
19 credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate degree  
20 program in which the student is enrolled, in accordance with the  
21 provisions of this section.

22 (3) The provisions of this section shall become effective  
23 for students who enter a community college or a state university  
24 for the first time in the 2009-2010 academic year and  
25 thereafter.

26 (4) Except as otherwise provided by law, and for purposes  
27 of this section, the following credit hours shall be included  
28 when calculating the number of hours taken by a student:

29 (a) All credit hours for courses taken at the state  
30 university from which the student is seeking a baccalaureate  
31 degree, including failed courses, courses that are dropped after  
32 the university's advertised last day of the drop and add period,  
33 and repeated courses, except for which the student has paid the  
34 full cost of instruction as provided in s. 1009.285.

35 (b) All credit hours earned at another institution and  
36 accepted for transfer by the state university and applied toward  
37 the student's baccalaureate degree program.

38 (5) For purposes of this section, credit hours earned under  
39 the following circumstances are not calculated as hours required  
40 to earn a baccalaureate degree:



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41       (a) College credits earned through an articulated  
42 accelerated mechanism identified in s. 1007.27.  
43       (b) Credit hours earned through internship programs.  
44       (c) Credit hours required for certification,  
45 recertification, or certificate programs.  
46       (d) Credit hours in courses from which a student must  
47 withdraw due to reasons of medical or personal hardship.  
48       (e) Credit hours taken by active-duty military personnel.  
49       (f) Credit hours required to achieve a dual major taken  
50 while pursuing a baccalaureate degree.  
51       (g) Remedial and English as a Second Language credit hours.  
52       (h) Credit hours earned in military science courses  
53 (R.O.T.C.).  
54       (6) Each state university and community college shall  
55 implement a process for notifying students regarding the  
56 provisions of this section. The notice must be provided to a  
57 student upon his or her initial enrollment in the institution  
58 and again upon the student's having earned the credit hours  
59 required to complete the baccalaureate degree program in which  
60 the student is enrolled. The notice must include a  
61 recommendation that each student who intends to earn credit  
62 hours at the institution in excess of the credit hours required  
63 for the baccalaureate degree program in which the student is  
64 enrolled meet with his or her academic advisor.  
65       (7) For purposes of this section, the term "state  
66 university" includes the institutions identified in s.  
67 1000.21(6) and the term "community college" includes the  
68 institutions identified in s. 1000.21(3).  
69       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.



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And the title is amended as follows:

    Delete everything before the enacting clause  
and insert:

                                A bill to be entitled  
  
An act relating to postsecondary tuition rates;  
creating s. 1009.286, F.S.; requiring an additional  
payment for credit hours exceeding the requirements  
for completing a baccalaureate degree program;  
providing exceptions; requiring notice upon a  
student's initial enrollment in a state university or  
community college; providing an effective date.