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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state university student fees;  
3           amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; requiring that the moneys  
4           from the Capital Improvement Trust Fund be used for  
5           the purpose of funding projects to benefit the student  
6           body; requiring that each university establish a  
7           Capital Improvement Trust Fund Committee; requiring  
8           that the committee determine and recommend projects  
9           that are eligible for funding; providing for committee  
10          membership; requiring that the committee submit its  
11          recommendations to the local board of trustees for  
12          review, subject to the Board of Governors' approval,  
13          only if the university president, in consultation with  
14          the student body president, approves the  
15          recommendations; requiring that each state university  
16          board of trustees increase the activity and service  
17          fees beginning in the 2009-2010 fiscal year in an  
18          amount equal to \$1 per credit hour; requiring that the  
19          university appropriate the revenues from such fees to  
20          its respective university alumni association to fund  
21          programs, activities, and services that benefit the  
22          student body; providing an effective date.

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24 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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26           Section 1. Subsections (8), (9), and (10) of section  
27   1009.24, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

28           1009.24 State university student fees.—

29           (8) (a) The Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee is

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30 established as \$2.44 per credit hour per semester. The building  
31 fee is established as \$2.32 per credit hour per semester.

32 (b) Moneys from the trust fund shall be used for the  
33 purpose of funding projects of general benefit to the student  
34 body.

35 (c) Each university shall establish a Capital Improvement  
36 Trust Fund Committee for the purpose of determining which  
37 projects are eligible for funding under this subsection and  
38 recommending such projects to the university's local board of  
39 trustees.

40 (d) At least one-half of the committee membership shall  
41 consist of students appointed by the university president. The  
42 remainder of the committee shall consist of members appointed by  
43 the student body president. A chairperson, appointed jointly by  
44 the university president and the student body president, may  
45 vote only in the case of a tie.

46 (e) If the university president, in consultation with the  
47 student body president, approves the recommendations, the  
48 committee shall submit the recommendations to the local board of  
49 trustees for review, subject to approval by the Board of  
50 Governors.

51 (9) Each university board of trustees is authorized to  
52 establish separate activity and service, health, and athletic  
53 fees. When duly established, the fees shall be collected as  
54 component parts of tuition and fees and shall be retained by the  
55 university and paid into the separate activity and service,  
56 health, and athletic funds. Beginning in the 2009-2010 fiscal  
57 year, each state university board of trustees shall increase the  
58 activity and service fees that were established for the 2008-

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59 2009 fiscal year in an amount equal to \$1 per credit hour, which  
60 shall be appropriated to its respective university alumni  
61 association for the purpose of funding programs, activities, and  
62 services that benefit the student body. Notwithstanding any  
63 other provision of law to the contrary, a university may  
64 transfer revenues derived from the fees authorized pursuant to  
65 this subsection to a university direct-support organization of  
66 the university to be used only for the purpose of paying and  
67 securing debt on projects approved pursuant to s. 1010.62 and  
68 pursuant to a written agreement approved by the Board of  
69 Governors. The amount transferred may not exceed the amount  
70 authorized for annual debt service pursuant to s. 1010.62.

71 (10) (a) Each university board of trustees shall establish a  
72 student activity and service fee on the main campus of the  
73 university. The university board may also establish a student  
74 activity and service fee on any branch campus or center. Any  
75 subsequent increase in the activity and service fee, unless  
76 otherwise designated by the Legislature, must be recommended by  
77 an activity and service fee committee, at least one-half of whom  
78 are students appointed by the student body president. The  
79 remainder of the committee shall be appointed by the university  
80 president. A chairperson, appointed jointly by the university  
81 president and the student body president, shall vote only in the  
82 case of a tie. The recommendations of the committee shall take  
83 effect only after approval by the university president, after  
84 consultation with the student body president, with final  
85 approval by the university board of trustees. An increase in the  
86 activity and service fee may occur only once each fiscal year  
87 and must be implemented beginning with the fall term. The Board

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88 of Governors is responsible for adopting the rules and  
89 timetables necessary to implement this fee.

90 (b) The student activity and service fees shall be expended  
91 for lawful purposes to benefit the student body in general. This  
92 shall include, but shall not be limited to, student publications  
93 and grants to duly recognized student organizations, the  
94 membership of which is open to all students at the university  
95 without regard to race, sex, or religion. The fund may not  
96 benefit activities for which an admission fee is charged to  
97 students, except for student-government-association-sponsored  
98 concerts. The allocation and expenditure of funds, other than  
99 those expressly designated by the Legislature for university-  
100 specific programs and services that benefit the student body,  
101 ~~the fund~~ shall be determined by the student government  
102 association of the university, except that the president of the  
103 university may veto any line item or portion thereof within the  
104 budget when submitted by the student government association  
105 legislative body. The university president shall have 15 school  
106 days from the date of presentation of the budget to act on the  
107 allocation and expenditure recommendations, which shall be  
108 deemed approved if no action is taken within the 15 school days.  
109 If any line item or portion thereof within the budget is vetoed,  
110 the student government association legislative body shall within  
111 15 school days make new budget recommendations for expenditure  
112 of the vetoed portion of the fund. If the university president  
113 vetoes any line item or portion thereof within the new budget  
114 revisions, the university president may reallocate by line item  
115 that vetoed portion to bond obligations guaranteed by activity  
116 and service fees. Unexpended funds and undisbursed funds

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117 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried over and  
118 remain in the student activity and service fund and be available  
119 for allocation and expenditure during the next fiscal year.

120 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.