

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to community college student fees;  
 3           amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a  
 4           community college board of trustees use a specified  
 5           portion of tuition and fees to support safety and security  
 6           purposes; providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 1009.23, Florida  
 11           Statutes, is amended to read:

12           1009.23 Community college student fees.--

13           (4) Each community college board of trustees shall  
 14           establish tuition and out-of-state fees, which may vary no more  
 15           than 10 percent below and 15 percent above the combined total of  
 16           the standard tuition and fees established in subsection (3);  
 17           ~~provided that any amount from 10 to 15 percent above the~~  
 18           ~~standard tuition and fees established in subsection (3) shall be~~  
 19           ~~used only to support safety and security purposes. In order to~~  
 20           ~~assess an additional amount for safety and security purposes, a~~  
 21           ~~community college board of trustees must provide written~~  
 22           ~~justification to the State Board of Education based on criteria~~  
 23           ~~approved by the board of trustees, including, but not limited~~  
 24           ~~to, criteria such as local crime data and information, and~~  
 25           ~~strategies for the implementation of local safety plans. Should~~  
 26           ~~a college decide to increase the tuition and fees, the funds~~  
 27           ~~raised by increasing the tuition and fees must be expended~~  
 28           ~~solely for additional safety and security purposes and shall not~~

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29 | ~~supplant funding expended in the 1998-1999 budget for safety and~~  
30 | ~~security purposes.~~

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