

**By** the Committees on Higher Education Appropriations; and Higher Education; and Senator Oelrich

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to community college student fees;  
3           amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; authorizing community  
4           college boards of trustees to establish a  
5           transportation access fee; limiting the amount of the  
6           fee; providing a timeframe for a fee increase and  
7           implementation of an increase; prohibiting the  
8           inclusion of the fee in calculating the amount a  
9           student receives under Florida Bright Futures  
10          Scholarship Program awards; providing an effective  
11          date.

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

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15           Section 1. Present subsection (17) of section 1009.23,  
16           Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (18), and a new  
17           subsection (17) is added to that section to read:

18           1009.23 Community college student fees.—

19           (17) (a) Each community college board of trustees may  
20           establish a transportation access fee to provide or improve  
21           access to transportation services for students enrolled in the  
22           community college. The fee may not exceed \$6 per credit hour. An  
23           increase in the transportation access fee may only occur once  
24           each fiscal year and must be implemented beginning with the fall  
25           term.

26           (b) Notwithstanding ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536,  
27           the transportation access fee authorized under paragraph (a)  
28           shall not be included in calculating the amount a student  
29           receives for a Florida Academic Scholars award, a Florida

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30 Medallion Scholars award, or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
31 Scholars award.

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