

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

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

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

16           1009.23 Community college student fees.--

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

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

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

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