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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to postsecondary education; amending s.
3 110.181, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes
4 made by the act; amending ss. 112.19 and 112.191, F.S.;
5 requiring the Board of Governors of the State University
6 System to adopt regulations rather than rules to implement
7 certain educational benefits; amending s. 120.81, F.S.;
8 providing that state universities are not required to file
9 certain documents with the Administrative Procedures
10 Committee; amending s. 282.0041, F.S.; revising
11 definitions relating to information technology services to
12 conform to changes made by the act; amending s. 282.703,
13 F.S.; revising provisions relating to the participation of
14 state universities in the SUNCOM Network; amending s.
15 282.706, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the use of
16 the SUNCOM Network by state university libraries; amending
17 s. 287.064, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference to changes
18 made by the act; amending s. 1000.05, F.S.; requiring the
19 Board of Governors to adopt regulations rather than rules
20 relating to discrimination; amending s. 1001.705, F.S.;
21 revising provisions relating to responsibility for the
22 State University System under the State Constitution;
23 deleting legislative findings and intent; providing the
24 constitutional duties of the Board of Governors; providing
25 the constitutional duties of the Legislature; deleting a
26 duty relating to the participation of state universities
27 in the SUNCOM Network; amending s. 1001.706, F.S.;
28 revising powers and duties of the Board of Governors;

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29 providing that the Board of Governors has the authority to
30 regulate the State University System and may adopt a
31 regulation development procedure for the board and
32 university boards of trustees to use in implementing their
33 constitutional duties and responsibilities; authorizing
34 the Board of Governors or its designee to adopt
35 regulations; providing requirements for the regulation
36 development procedure; providing requirements for judicial
37 review of certain challenges; revising the Board of
38 Governors' powers and duties relating to accountability
39 and personnel; providing legislative intent that the Board
40 of Governors align the missions of universities with
41 certain factors; providing requirements for a mission
42 alignment and strategic plan; affording opportunities to
43 certain universities; amending s. 1001.72, F.S.; providing
44 that the board of trustees is the university's contracting
45 agent; creating s. 1004.015, F.S.; creating the Higher
46 Education Coordinating Council; providing for membership;
47 providing guiding principles for council recommendations
48 to the Legislature, State Board of Education, and Board of
49 Governors; amending s. 1004.03, F.S.; revising provisions
50 relating to review and approval of new programs at state
51 universities by the Board of Governors; requiring an
52 annual report of the review of proposed new programs;
53 eliminating the requirement that certain programs be
54 approved by the Legislature; amending s. 1004.07, F.S.;

55 requiring the Board of Governors to adopt regulations
56 rather than rules relating to student withdrawal from

57 | courses due to military service; amending s. 1006.54,
58 | F.S.; requiring university boards of trustees to adopt
59 | regulations rather than rules relating to documents
60 | distributed to libraries; amending s. 1006.60, F.S.;
61 | revising provisions relating to state university codes of
62 | conduct to authorize the adoption of regulations rather
63 | than rules; amending s. 1006.65, F.S.; requiring the Board
64 | of Governors to adopt regulations rather than rules
65 | relating to safety issues in courses offered by state
66 | universities; amending ss. 1007.264 and 1007.265, F.S.;
67 | requiring the Board of Governors to adopt regulations
68 | rather than rules relating to admission and graduation
69 | requirements for students with disabilities; amending s.
70 | 1009.24, F.S.; reorganizing certain provisions of law
71 | relating to state university student fees; authorizing the
72 | Board of Governors to approve flexible tuition policies
73 | requested by a university board of trustees; providing
74 | that certain fees be based on reasonable costs of services
75 | and used for certain purposes; authorizing the Board of
76 | Governors to approve a proposal from a university board of
77 | trustees to establish a new student fee, increase the cap
78 | for an existing fee, or implement flexible tuition
79 | policies; providing guidelines for review of proposals;
80 | requiring an annual report; prohibiting certain fees from
81 | exceeding a specified amount, being included in certain
82 | scholarship awards, and being used for certain purposes;
83 | requiring a fee committee to make recommendations relating
84 | to a new fee; providing restrictions on fee increases;

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85 requiring the Board of Governors to adopt regulations;
86 amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring the Board of
87 Governors to adopt regulations rather than rules relating
88 to fee waivers; amending s. 1010.04, F.S.; providing that
89 the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations rather than
90 rules for purchases and leases; amending s. 1010.62, F.S.;
91 defining the term "auxiliary enterprise" for purposes of
92 revenue bonds and debt; amending s. 1011.43, F.S.;
93 requiring university boards of trustees to adopt
94 regulations rather than rules for administration of
95 certain scholarships and loans; amending s. 1011.90, F.S.;
96 revising provisions relating to management information
97 maintained by the Board of Governors; amending s. 1013.02,
98 F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors to adopt
99 regulations rather than rules to implement provisions of
100 law relating to educational facilities; amending s.
101 1013.10, F.S.; authorizing regulations for the use of
102 educational buildings and grounds; amending ss. 1013.12
103 and 1013.28, F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors to
104 adopt regulations rather than rules relating to firesafety
105 inspections and disposal of real property; amending s.
106 1013.30, F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors to adopt
107 regulations rather than rules relating to university
108 campus master plans; amending s. 1013.31, F.S.; requiring
109 the Board of Governors to adopt regulations rather than
110 rules for determining facility space needs; amending s.
111 1013.47, F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors to adopt
112 regulations rather than rules relating to building

113 standards; amending s. 1013.74, F.S.; authorizing the
114 Board of Governors to adopt regulations rather than rules
115 relating to authorization for fixed capital outlay
116 projects; repealing s. 1001.74, F.S., relating to powers
117 and duties of university boards of trustees; repealing s.
118 1004.21, F.S., relating to general provisions for state
119 universities; repealing s. 1004.22(13), F.S., relating to
120 rulemaking by a university board of trustees with respect
121 to divisions of sponsored research; repealing s. 1004.38,
122 F.S., relating to the master of science program in speech-
123 language pathology at Florida International University;
124 repealing s. 1004.381, F.S., relating to the bachelor of
125 science nursing degree program at the University of West
126 Florida; repealing s. 1004.3811, F.S., relating to the
127 master of science degree programs in nursing and social
128 work at the University of West Florida; repealing s.
129 1004.382, F.S., relating to the master's in social work
130 program at Florida Atlantic University; repealing s.
131 1004.383, F.S., relating to a chiropractic medicine degree
132 program at Florida State University; repealing s.
133 1004.386, F.S., relating to a bachelor of science degree
134 program in long-term care administration at Florida Gulf
135 Coast University; repealing s. 1004.64, F.S., relating to
136 the School of Engineering at Florida Gulf Coast University
137 and specified bachelor's degrees; providing legislative
138 intent for the repeal of certain sections; requiring each
139 state university to identify and submit to the Board of
140 Governors a list of certain rules that have been

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141 superseded by regulations; providing for submission of
 142 such rules and certain rules of the Board of Governors to
 143 the Department of State; authorizing the Department of
 144 State to remove rules from the Florida Administrative
 145 Code; providing an effective date.

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 147 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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149 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 110.181, Florida
 150 Statutes, is amended to read:

151 110.181 Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign.—

152 (5) PARTICIPATION OF STATE UNIVERSITIES.—Each university
 153 may elect to participate in the Florida State Employees'
 154 Charitable Campaign, upon timely notice to the department. Each
 155 university may also conduct annual charitable fundraising drives
 156 for employees under the authority granted in s. ss. 1001.706 and
 157 1001.74.

158 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 112.19, Florida
 159 Statutes, is amended to read:

160 112.19 Law enforcement, correctional, and correctional
 161 probation officers; death benefits.—

162 (5) The State Board of Education ~~or the Board of~~
 163 ~~Governors, as appropriate,~~ shall adopt rules and procedures, and
 164 the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and procedures,
 165 as are appropriate and necessary to implement the educational
 166 benefits provisions of this section.

167 Section 3. Subsection (5) of section 112.191, Florida
 168 Statutes, is amended to read:

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169 112.191 Firefighters; death benefits.—

170 (5) The State Board of Education ~~or the Board of~~
 171 ~~Governors, as appropriate,~~ shall adopt rules and procedures, and
 172 the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and procedures,
 173 as are appropriate and necessary to implement the educational
 174 benefits provisions of this section.

175 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section
 176 120.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

177 120.81 Exceptions and special requirements; general
 178 areas.—

179 (1) EDUCATIONAL UNITS.—

180 (e) Educational units, other than ~~the state universities~~
 181 ~~and~~ the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, shall not be
 182 required to make filings with the committee of the documents
 183 required to be filed by s. 120.54 or s. 120.55(1)(a)4.

184 Section 5. Subsections (1) and (26) of section 282.0041,
 185 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

186 282.0041 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, the term:

187 (1) "Agency" has the same meaning as in s. 216.011(1)(qq),
 188 except that for purposes of this chapter, "agency" does not
 189 include university boards of trustees or state universities.

190 (26) "Total cost" means all costs associated with
 191 information technology projects or initiatives, including, but
 192 not limited to, value of hardware, software, service,
 193 maintenance, incremental personnel, and facilities. Total cost
 194 of a loan or gift of information technology resources to an
 195 agency includes the fair market value of the resources; ~~however,~~
 196 ~~the total cost of loans or gifts of information technology to~~

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197 ~~state universities to be used in instruction or research does~~
 198 ~~not include fair market value.~~

199 Section 6. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 282.703,
 200 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (4) is added to
 201 that section, to read:

202 282.703 SUNCOM Network; exemptions from the required use.—

203 (1) There is created within the department the SUNCOM
 204 Network, which shall be developed to serve as the state
 205 communications system for providing local and long-distance
 206 communications services to state agencies, political
 207 subdivisions of the state, municipalities, ~~state universities,~~
 208 and nonprofit corporations pursuant to this part. The SUNCOM
 209 Network shall be developed to transmit all types of
 210 communications signals, including, but not limited to, voice,
 211 data, video, image, and radio. State agencies shall cooperate
 212 and assist in the development and joint use of communications
 213 systems and services.

214 (3) All state agencies ~~and state universities~~ shall use
 215 the SUNCOM Network for agency ~~and state university~~
 216 communications services as the services become available;
 217 however, no agency ~~or university~~ is relieved of responsibility
 218 for maintaining communications services necessary for effective
 219 management of its programs and functions. The department may
 220 provide such communications services to a state university if
 221 requested by the university. If a SUNCOM Network service does
 222 not meet the communications requirements of an agency ~~or~~
 223 ~~university,~~ the agency ~~or university~~ shall notify the department
 224 in writing and detail the requirements for that communications

225 service. If the department is unable to meet an agency's ~~or~~
 226 ~~university's~~ requirements by enhancing SUNCOM Network service,
 227 the department may grant the agency ~~or university~~ an exemption
 228 from the required use of specified SUNCOM Network services.

229 (4) This section may not be construed to require a state
 230 university to use SUNCOM Network communication services.

231 Section 7. Section 282.706, Florida Statutes, is amended
 232 to read:

233 282.706 Use of SUNCOM Network by libraries.—The department
 234 may provide SUNCOM Network services to any library in the state,
 235 including libraries in public schools, community colleges, state
 236 universities, and nonprofit private postsecondary educational
 237 institutions, and libraries owned and operated by municipalities
 238 and political subdivisions. This section may not be construed to
 239 require a state university library to use SUNCOM Network
 240 services.

241 Section 8. Subsection (1) of section 287.064, Florida
 242 Statutes, is amended to read:

243 287.064 Consolidated financing of deferred-payment
 244 purchases.—

245 (1) The Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of
 246 Administration and the Chief Financial Officer shall plan and
 247 coordinate deferred-payment purchases made by or on behalf of
 248 the state or its agencies or by or on behalf of state
 249 universities or state community colleges participating under
 250 this section pursuant to s. 1001.706(7) ~~s. 1001.74(6)~~ or s.
 251 1001.64(26), respectively. The Division of Bond Finance shall
 252 negotiate and the Chief Financial Officer shall execute

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253 | agreements and contracts to establish master equipment financing
254 | agreements for consolidated financing of deferred-payment,
255 | installment sale, or lease purchases with a financial
256 | institution or a consortium of financial institutions. As used
257 | in this act, the term "deferred-payment" includes installment
258 | sale and lease-purchase.

259 | (a) The period during which equipment may be acquired
260 | under any one master equipment financing agreement shall be
261 | limited to not more than 3 years.

262 | (b) Repayment of the whole or a part of the funds drawn
263 | pursuant to the master equipment financing agreement may
264 | continue beyond the period established pursuant to paragraph
265 | (a).

266 | (c) The interest rate component of any master equipment
267 | financing agreement shall be deemed to comply with the interest
268 | rate limitation imposed in s. 287.063 so long as the interest
269 | rate component of every interagency, state university, or
270 | community college agreement entered into under such master
271 | equipment financing agreement complies with the interest rate
272 | limitation imposed in s. 287.063. Such interest rate limitation
273 | does not apply when the payment obligation under the master
274 | equipment financing agreement is rated by a nationally
275 | recognized rating service in any one of the three highest
276 | classifications, which rating services and classifications are
277 | determined pursuant to rules adopted by the Chief Financial
278 | Officer.

279 | Section 9. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
280 | 1000.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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281 1000.05 Discrimination against students and employees in
 282 the Florida K-20 public education system prohibited; equality of
 283 access required.-

284 (5)

285 (b) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations ~~rules~~
 286 to implement this section as it relates to state universities.

287 Section 10. Section 1001.705, Florida Statutes, is amended
 288 to read:

289 1001.705 Responsibility for the State University System
 290 under s. 7, Art. IX of the State Constitution; ~~legislative~~
 291 ~~finding and intent.~~-

292 ~~(1) LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.-~~

293 (1)(a) DEFINITIONS.-For purposes of this act, the term:

294 (a)1. "Board of Governors" as it relates to the State
 295 University System and as used in s. 7, Art. IX of the State
 296 Constitution and Title XLVIII and other sections of the Florida
 297 Statutes is the Board of Governors of the State University
 298 System which belongs to and is part of the executive branch of
 299 state government.

300 (b)2. "Institutions of higher learning" as used in the
 301 State Constitution and the Florida Statutes includes publicly
 302 funded state universities.

303 (c)3. "Public officer" as used in the Florida Statutes
 304 includes members of the Board of Governors.

305 (d)4. "State university" or "state universities" as used
 306 in the State Constitution and the Florida Statutes are agencies
 307 of the state which belong to and are part of the executive
 308 branch of state government. This definition of state

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309 universities as state agencies is only for the purposes of the
310 delineation of constitutional lines of authority. Statutory
311 exemptions for state universities from statutory provisions
312 relating to state agencies that are in effect on the effective
313 date of this act remain in effect and are not repealed by virtue
314 of this definition of state universities.

315 (2)~~(b)~~ CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF
316 THE STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.—In accordance with s. 7, Art. IX of
317 the State Constitution, the Board of Governors of the State
318 University System has the duty to operate, regulate, control,
319 and be fully responsible for the management of the whole
320 publicly funded State University System and the board, or the
321 board's designee, has responsibility for:

322 (a)~~1.~~ Defining the distinctive mission of each constituent
323 university.

324 (b)~~2.~~ Defining the articulation of each constituent
325 university in conjunction with the Legislature's authority over
326 the public schools and community colleges.

327 (c)~~3.~~ Ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation
328 of the State University System.

329 (d)~~4.~~ Avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or
330 programs within the State University System.

331 (e)~~5.~~ Accounting for expenditure of funds appropriated by
332 the Legislature for the State University System as provided by
333 law.

334 (f)~~6.~~ Submitting a budget request for legislative
335 appropriations for the institutions under the supervision of the
336 board as provided by law.

337 (g)~~7.~~ Adopting strategic plans for the State University
 338 System and each constituent university.

339 (h)~~8.~~ Approving, reviewing, and terminating degree
 340 programs of the State University System.

341 (i)~~9.~~ Governing admissions to the state universities.

342 (j)~~10.~~ Serving as the public employer to all public
 343 employees of state universities for collective bargaining
 344 purposes.

345 (k)~~11.~~ Establishing a personnel system for all state
 346 university employees; however, the Department of Management
 347 Services shall retain authority over state university employees
 348 for programs established in ss. 110.123, 110.1232, 110.1234,
 349 110.1238, and 110.161, and in chapters 121, 122, and 238.

350 (l)~~12.~~ Complying with, and enforcing for institutions
 351 under the board's jurisdiction, all applicable local, state, and
 352 federal laws.

353 (3)~~(e)~~ CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES OF THE LEGISLATURE.—In
 354 accordance with s. 3, Art. II of the State Constitution, which
 355 establishes the separation of powers of three branches of
 356 government; s. 1, Art. III of the State Constitution, which
 357 vests the legislative power of the state in the Legislature; s.
 358 8, Art. III of the State Constitution, which provides the
 359 exclusive executive veto power of the Governor and the exclusive
 360 veto override power of the Legislature; s. 19, Art. III of the
 361 State Constitution, which requires the Legislature to enact
 362 state planning and budget processes and requirements for budget
 363 requests by general law; s. 1, Art. VII of the State
 364 Constitution, which requires that the authority to expend state

365 funds be by general law enacted by the Legislature; and s. 1,
 366 Art. IX of the State Constitution, which requires the
 367 Legislature to make adequate provision by law for the
 368 "establishment, maintenance, and operation of institutions of
 369 higher learning," the Legislature has the following
 370 responsibilities:

371 (a)~~1~~. Making provision by law for the establishment,
 372 maintenance, and operation of institutions of higher learning
 373 and other public education programs that the needs of the people
 374 may require.

375 (b)~~2~~. Appropriating all state funds through the General
 376 Appropriations Act or other law.

377 (c)~~3~~. Establishing tuition and fees.

378 (d)~~4~~. Establishing policies relating to merit and need-
 379 based student financial aid.

380 (e)~~5~~. Establishing policies relating to expenditure of,
 381 accountability for, and management of funds appropriated by the
 382 Legislature or revenues authorized by the Legislature. This
 383 includes, but is not limited to, policies relating to:
 384 budgeting; deposit of funds; investments; accounting;
 385 purchasing, procurement, and contracting; insurance; audits;
 386 maintenance and construction of facilities; property; bond
 387 financing; leasing; and information reporting.

388 (f)~~6~~. Maintaining the actuarial and fiscal soundness of
 389 centrally administered state systems by requiring state
 390 universities to continue to participate in programs such as the
 391 Florida Retirement System, the state group health insurance
 392 programs, ~~the state telecommunications and data network~~

393 ~~(SUNCOM),~~ and the state casualty insurance program.

394 (g) 7. Establishing and regulating the use of state powers
395 and protections, including, but not limited to, eminent domain,
396 certified law enforcement, and sovereign immunity.

397 (h) 8. Establishing policies relating to the health,
398 safety, and welfare of students, employees, and the public while
399 present on the campuses of institutions of higher learning.

400 ~~(2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—It is the intent of the~~
401 ~~Legislature to reenact laws relating to the Board of Governors~~
402 ~~of the State University System, the university boards of~~
403 ~~trustees, the State Board of Education, and the postsecondary~~
404 ~~education system in accordance with the findings of this act.~~

405 Section 11. Section 1001.706, Florida Statutes, is amended
406 to read:

407 1001.706 Powers and duties of the Board of Governors.—

408 (1) GENERAL PROVISIONS.—

409 ~~(a)~~ For each constituent university, the Board of
410 Governors, or the board's designee, shall be responsible for
411 cost-effective policy decisions appropriate to the university's
412 mission, the implementation and maintenance of high-quality
413 education programs within law, the measurement of performance,
414 the reporting of information, and the provision of input
415 regarding state policy, budgeting, and education standards.

416 (2) REGULATORY AUTHORITY.—

417 (a) Pursuant to s. 7, Art. IX of the State Constitution,
418 the Board of Governors has the authority to regulate the State
419 University System and may adopt a regulation development
420 procedure for the Board of Governors and the university boards

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421 of trustees to use in implementing their constitutional duties
422 and responsibilities.

423 (b) The Board of Governors shall be subject to the
424 provisions of ~~adopt rules pursuant to~~ chapter 120 when acting
425 pursuant to statutory authority derived from the Legislature,
426 except that, the Board of Governors may adopt regulations if
427 expressly authorized or required by law ~~rules pursuant to~~
428 ~~chapter 120 when exercising the powers, duties, and authority~~
429 ~~granted by s. 7, Art. IX of the State Constitution.~~ Such
430 regulations must be adopted pursuant to a development procedure
431 that complies with paragraph (c). If the Board of Governors
432 delegates a power or duty to a university board of trustees as
433 the designee, the authority to adopt rules or regulations is
434 included in the delegation. If the Board of Governors delegates
435 a statutory power or duty to a university board of trustees, the
436 university board of trustees shall be subject to the provisions
437 of chapter 120 but may adopt regulations to the same extent as
438 the Board of Governors under this subsection.

439 (c) The development procedure for regulations authorized
440 or required by law must provide for notice to the public of, and
441 an opportunity for public comment on, the proposed adoption,
442 amendment, or repeal of a regulation; a process for a
443 substantially affected person to challenge a statement of
444 general applicability that has not been properly adopted as a
445 regulation; a process for a substantially affected person to
446 challenge an unlawful regulation; and a process for the adoption
447 of and challenges to emergency regulations that are necessary to
448 protect the public interest in the emergency. Judicial review

449 shall be sought in the appellate district in which the
 450 headquarters of the Board of Governors is located or in which
 451 the main campus of the state university is located, as
 452 applicable. The regulation development procedure shall be
 453 published prominently on the websites of the Board of Governors
 454 and the state universities.

455 (3)~~(2)~~ POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ORGANIZATION AND
 456 OPERATION OF STATE UNIVERSITIES.—

457 (a) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
 458 develop guidelines and procedures related to data and
 459 technology, including information systems, communications
 460 systems, computer hardware and software, and networks.

461 (b) The Board of Governors shall develop guidelines
 462 relating to divisions of sponsored research, pursuant to the
 463 provisions of s. 1004.22, to serve the function of
 464 administration and promotion of the programs of research.

465 (c) The Board of Governors shall prescribe conditions for
 466 direct-support organizations and university health services
 467 support organizations to be certified and to use university
 468 property and services. Conditions relating to certification must
 469 provide for audit review and oversight by the Board of
 470 Governors.

471 (d) The Board of Governors shall develop guidelines for
 472 supervising faculty practice plans for the academic health
 473 science centers.

474 (e) The Board of Governors shall ensure that students at
 475 state universities have access to general education courses as
 476 provided in the statewide articulation agreement, pursuant to s.

477 1007.23.

478 (f) The Board of Governors shall approve baccalaureate
 479 degree programs that require more than 120 semester credit hours
 480 of coursework prior to such programs being offered by a state
 481 university. At least half of the required coursework for any
 482 baccalaureate degree must be offered at the lower-division
 483 level, except in program areas approved by the Board of
 484 Governors.

485 (g) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
 486 adopt a written antihazing policy, appropriate penalties for
 487 violations of such policy, and a program for enforcing such
 488 policy.

489 (h) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may
 490 establish a uniform code of conduct and appropriate penalties
 491 for violations of its regulations ~~rules~~ by students and student
 492 organizations, including regulations ~~rules~~ governing student
 493 academic honesty. Such penalties, unless otherwise provided by
 494 law, may include reasonable fines, the withholding of diplomas
 495 or transcripts pending compliance with regulations ~~rules~~ or
 496 payment of fines, and the imposition of probation, suspension,
 497 or dismissal.

498 (4)~~(3)~~ POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO FINANCE.—

499 (a) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
 500 account for expenditures of all state, local, federal, and other
 501 funds. Such accounting systems shall have appropriate audit and
 502 internal controls in place that will enable the constituent
 503 universities to satisfactorily and timely perform all accounting
 504 and reporting functions required by state and federal law and

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505 rules.

506 (b) The Board of Governors shall prepare the legislative
507 budget requests for the State University System, including a
508 request for fixed capital outlay, and submit them to the State
509 Board of Education for inclusion in the K-20 legislative budget
510 request. The Board of Governors shall provide the state
511 universities with fiscal policy guidelines, formats, and
512 instruction for the development of individual university budget
513 requests.

514 (c) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
515 establish tuition and fees pursuant to ss. 1009.24 and 1009.26.

516 (d) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, is
517 authorized to secure comprehensive general liability insurance
518 pursuant to s. 1004.24.

519 (5)~~(4)~~ POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO ACCOUNTABILITY.—

520 (a) The Legislature intends that the Board of Governors
521 shall align the missions of each constituent university with the
522 academic success of its students; the national reputation of its
523 faculty and its academic and research programs; the quantity of
524 externally generated research, patents, and licenses; and the
525 strategic and accountability plans required in paragraphs (b)
526 and (c). The mission alignment and strategic plan shall consider
527 peer institutions at the constituent universities. The mission
528 alignment and strategic plan shall acknowledge that universities
529 that have a national and international impact have the greatest
530 capacity to promote the state's economic development through:
531 new discoveries, patents, licenses, and technologies that
532 generate state businesses of global importance; research

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533 achievements through external grants and contracts that are
534 comparable to nationally recognized and ranked universities; the
535 creation of a resource rich academic environment that attracts
536 high-technology business and venture capital to the state; and
537 this generation's finest minds focusing on solving the state's
538 economic, social, environmental, and legal problems in the areas
539 of life sciences, water, sustainability, energy, and health
540 care. A nationally recognized and ranked university that has a
541 global perspective and impact shall be afforded the opportunity
542 to enable and protect the university's competitiveness on the
543 global stage in fair competition with other institutions of
544 other states in the highest Carnegie Classification.

545 (b)-(a) The Board of Governors shall develop a strategic
546 plan specifying goals and objectives for the State University
547 System and each constituent university.

548 (c)-(b) The Board of Governors shall develop an
549 accountability plan for the State University System and each
550 constituent university.

551 (d)-(e) The Board of Governors shall maintain an effective
552 information system to provide accurate, timely, and cost-
553 effective information about each university. The board shall
554 continue to collect and maintain, at a minimum, ~~the~~ management
555 information ~~databases~~ as such information ~~databases~~ existed on
556 June 30, 2002.

557 (e)-(d) If the Board of Governors of the State University
558 System determines that a state university board of trustees is
559 unwilling or unable to address substantiated allegations made by
560 any person relating to waste, fraud, or financial mismanagement

561 within the state university, the Office of the Inspector General
 562 shall investigate the allegations.

563 (6)~~(5)~~ POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PERSONNEL.—

564 (a) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
 565 establish the personnel program for all employees of a state
 566 university. The Board of Governors shall confirm the
 567 presidential selection by a university board of trustees as a
 568 means of acknowledging that system cooperation is expected
 569 ~~except the president.~~

570 (b) The Department of Management Services shall retain
 571 authority over state university employees for programs
 572 established in ss. 110.123, 110.1232, 110.1234, 110.1238, and
 573 110.161 and in chapters 121, 122, and 238. Unless specifically
 574 authorized by law, neither the Board of Governors nor a state
 575 university may offer group insurance programs for employees as a
 576 substitute for or as an alternative to the health insurance
 577 programs offered pursuant to chapter 110.

578 (c) Except as otherwise provided by law, university
 579 employees are public employees for purposes of chapter 112 and
 580 any payment for travel and per diem expenses shall not exceed
 581 the level specified in s. 112.061.

582 (d) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may
 583 not enter into an employment contract that requires it ~~the board~~
 584 to pay an employee an amount from state funds in excess of 1
 585 year of the employee's annual salary for termination, buyout, or
 586 any other type of contract settlement. This paragraph does not
 587 prohibit the payment of leave and benefits accrued by the
 588 employee in accordance with the board's or designee's leave and

589 | benefits policies before the contract terminates.

590 | (7)~~(6)~~ POWERS AND DUTIES RELATING TO PROPERTY.—

591 | (a) The Board of Governors shall develop guidelines for
 592 | university boards of trustees relating to the acquisition of
 593 | real and personal property and the sale and disposal thereof and
 594 | the approval and execution of contracts for the purchase, sale,
 595 | lease, license, or acquisition of commodities, goods, equipment,
 596 | contractual services, leases of real and personal property, and
 597 | construction. The acquisition may include purchase by
 598 | installment or lease-purchase. Such contracts may provide for
 599 | payment of interest on the unpaid portion of the purchase price.
 600 | Title to all real property acquired prior to January 7, 2003,
 601 | and to all real property acquired with funds appropriated by the
 602 | Legislature shall be vested in the Board of Trustees of the
 603 | Internal Improvement Trust Fund and shall be transferred and
 604 | conveyed by it. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
 605 | subsection, each board of trustees shall comply with the
 606 | provisions of s. 287.055 for the procurement of professional
 607 | services as defined therein. Any acquisition pursuant to this
 608 | paragraph is subject to the provisions of s. 1010.62.

609 | (b) The Board of Governors shall develop guidelines for
 610 | university boards of trustees relating to the use, maintenance,
 611 | protection, and control of university-owned or university-
 612 | controlled buildings and grounds, property and equipment, name,
 613 | trademarks and other proprietary marks, and the financial and
 614 | other resources of the university. Such authority may include
 615 | placing restrictions on activities and on access to facilities,
 616 | firearms, food, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, distribution of

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617 printed materials, commercial solicitation, animals, and sound.
618 The authority provided the board of trustees in this subsection
619 includes the prioritization of the use of space, property,
620 equipment, and resources and the imposition of charges for those
621 items.

622 (c) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
623 administer a program for the maintenance and construction of
624 facilities pursuant to chapter 1013.

625 (d) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
626 ensure compliance with the provisions of s. 287.09451 for all
627 procurement and ss. 255.101 and 255.102 for construction
628 contracts, and rules adopted pursuant thereto, relating to the
629 utilization of minority business enterprises, except that
630 procurements costing less than the amount provided for in
631 CATEGORY FIVE as provided in s. 287.017 shall not be subject to
632 s. 287.09451.

633 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 253.025 but
634 subject to the provisions of s. 1010.62, the Board of Governors,
635 or the board's designee, may, with the consent of the Board of
636 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund, sell, convey,
637 transfer, exchange, trade, or purchase real property and related
638 improvements necessary and desirable to serve the needs and
639 purposes of the university.

640 1. The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may
641 secure appraisals and surveys. The Board of Governors, or the
642 board's designee, shall comply with the rules of the Board of
643 Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund in securing
644 appraisals. Whenever the Board of Governors, or the board's

645 | designee, finds it necessary for timely property acquisition, it
 646 | may contract, without the need for competitive selection, with
 647 | one or more appraisers whose names are contained on the list of
 648 | approved appraisers maintained by the Division of State Lands in
 649 | the Department of Environmental Protection.

650 | 2. The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may
 651 | negotiate and enter into an option contract before an appraisal
 652 | is obtained. The option contract must state that the final
 653 | purchase price may not exceed the maximum value allowed by law.
 654 | The consideration for such an option contract may not exceed 10
 655 | percent of the estimate obtained by the Board of Governors, or
 656 | the board's designee, or 10 percent of the value of the parcel,
 657 | whichever is greater, unless otherwise authorized by the Board
 658 | of Governors or the board's designee.

659 | 3. This paragraph is not intended to abrogate in any
 660 | manner the authority delegated to the Board of Trustees of the
 661 | Internal Improvement Trust Fund or the Division of State Lands
 662 | to approve a contract for purchase of state lands or to require
 663 | policies and procedures to obtain clear legal title to parcels
 664 | purchased for state purposes. Title to property acquired by a
 665 | university board of trustees prior to January 7, 2003, and to
 666 | property acquired with funds appropriated by the Legislature
 667 | shall vest in the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement
 668 | Trust Fund.

669 | (f) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
 670 | prepare and adopt a campus master plan pursuant to s. 1013.30.

671 | (g) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, shall
 672 | prepare, adopt, and execute a campus development agreement

673 pursuant to s. 1013.30.

674 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.351, the
 675 Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may authorize the
 676 rent or lease of parking facilities provided that such
 677 facilities are funded through parking fees or parking fines
 678 imposed by a university. The Board of Governors, or the board's
 679 designee, may authorize a university board of trustees to charge
 680 fees for parking at such rented or leased parking facilities.

681 (8)~~(7)~~ COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS, RULES, REGULATIONS, AND
 682 REQUIREMENTS.—The Board of Governors has responsibility for
 683 compliance with state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and
 684 requirements.

685 (9)~~(8)~~ COOPERATION WITH OTHER BOARDS.—The Board of
 686 Governors shall implement a plan for working on a regular basis
 687 with the State Board of Education, the Commission for
 688 Independent Education, the university boards of trustees,
 689 representatives of the community college boards of trustees,
 690 representatives of the private colleges and universities, and
 691 representatives of the district school boards to achieve a
 692 seamless education system.

693 (10)~~(9)~~ The Board of Governors is prohibited from
 694 assessing any fee on state universities, unless specifically
 695 authorized by law.

696 Section 12. Subsection (3) is added to section 1001.72,
 697 Florida Statutes, to read:

698 1001.72 University boards of trustees; boards to
 699 constitute a corporation.—

700 (3) Each board of trustees constitutes the contracting

701 agent of the university.

702 Section 13. Section 1004.015, Florida Statutes, is created
703 to read:

704 1004.015 Higher Education Coordinating Council.—

705 (1) The Higher Education Coordinating Council is created
706 for the purposes of identifying unmet needs and facilitating
707 solutions to disputes regarding the creation of new degree
708 programs and the establishment of new institutes, campuses, or
709 centers.

710 (2) Members of the council shall include:

711 (a) The Commissioner of Education.

712 (b) The Chancellor of the State University System.

713 (c) The Chancellor of the Florida College System.

714 (d) The executive director of the Commission for
715 Independent Education.

716 (e) The president of the Independent Colleges and
717 Universities of Florida.

718 (f) Two representatives of the business community, one
719 appointed by the President of the Senate and one appointed by
720 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, who are committed
721 to developing and enhancing world class workforce infrastructure
722 necessary for Florida's citizens to compete and prosper in the
723 ever-changing economy of the 21st century.

724 (3) The council shall serve as an advisory board to the
725 Legislature, the State Board of Education, and the Board of
726 Governors. Recommendations of the council shall be consistent
727 with the following guiding principles:

728 (a) To achieve within existing resources a seamless
 729 academic educational system that fosters an integrated continuum
 730 of kindergarten through graduate school education for Florida's
 731 students.

732 (b) To promote consistent education policy across all
 733 educational delivery systems, focusing on students.

734 (c) To promote substantially improved articulation across
 735 all educational delivery systems.

736 (d) To promote a system that maximizes educational access
 737 and allows the opportunity for a high-quality education for all
 738 Floridians.

739 (e) To promote a system of coordinated and consistent
 740 transfer of credit and data collection for improved
 741 accountability purposes between the educational delivery
 742 systems.

743 (4) The Board of Governors shall provide administrative
 744 support for the council.

745 Section 14. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 1004.03,
 746 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

747 1004.03 Program approval.—

748 (1) The Board of Governors shall establish criteria for
 749 the review and approval of proposed new programs at state
 750 universities to ensure the well-planned development,
 751 coordination, and operation of the State University System and
 752 to avoid wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The
 753 Board of Governors shall submit an annual report to the
 754 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
 755 Representatives, and the Governor listing the reviews conducted

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756 and the results of each review. ~~that will receive any support~~
757 ~~from tuition and fees assessed pursuant to s. 1009.24 or from~~
758 ~~funds appropriated by the Legislature through the General~~
759 ~~Appropriations Act or other law. These criteria include, but are~~
760 ~~not limited to, the following:~~

761 ~~(a) New programs may not be approved unless the same~~
762 ~~objectives cannot be met through use of educational technology.~~

763 ~~(b) Unnecessary duplication of programs offered by public~~
764 ~~and independent institutions shall be avoided.~~

765 ~~(c) Cooperative programs, particularly within regions,~~
766 ~~should be encouraged.~~

767 ~~(d) New programs shall be approved only if they are~~
768 ~~consistent with the strategic plan adopted by the Board of~~
769 ~~Governors.~~

770 ~~(e) A new graduate-level program or professional-level~~
771 ~~program may be approved if:~~

772 ~~1. The university has taken into account the offerings of~~
773 ~~its counterparts, including institutions in other sectors,~~
774 ~~particularly at the regional level.~~

775 ~~2. The addition of the program will not alter the emphasis~~
776 ~~on undergraduate education.~~

777 ~~3. The regional need and demand for the program was~~
778 ~~addressed and the community needs are obvious.~~

779 ~~(3) New colleges, schools, or functional equivalents of~~
780 ~~any program that leads to a degree that is offered as a~~
781 ~~credential for a specific license granted under the Florida~~
782 ~~Statutes or the State Constitution and that will receive any~~
783 ~~support from tuition and fees or from funds appropriated by the~~

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784 ~~Legislature through the General Appropriations Act or other law~~
 785 ~~shall not be established without the specific approval of the~~
 786 ~~Legislature.~~

787 Section 15. Subsection (4) of section 1004.07, Florida
 788 Statutes, is amended to read:

789 1004.07 Student withdrawal from courses due to military
 790 service; effect.—

791 (4) Policies of state university boards of trustees shall
 792 be established by regulation ~~rule~~ and pursuant to guidelines of
 793 the Board of Governors.

794 Section 16. Section 1006.54, Florida Statutes, is amended
 795 to read:

796 1006.54 Universities; public documents distributed to
 797 libraries.—The general library of each state university may
 798 receive copies of reports of state officials, departments, and
 799 institutions and all other state documents published by the
 800 state. Each officer of the state empowered by law to distribute
 801 such public documents may transmit without charge, except for
 802 payment of shipping costs, the number of copies of each public
 803 document desired upon requisition from the librarian. It is the
 804 duty of the library to keep public documents in a convenient
 805 form accessible to the public. The library, under regulations
 806 ~~rules~~ formulated by the university board of trustees, is
 807 authorized to exchange documents for those of other states,
 808 territories, and countries.

809 Section 17. Section 1006.60, Florida Statutes, is amended
 810 to read:

811 1006.60 Codes of conduct; disciplinary measures;

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812 ~~rulemaking~~ authority to adopt rules or regulations.—

813 (1) Each community college ~~and state university~~ may adopt,
814 by rule, and each state university may adopt, by regulation,
815 codes of conduct and appropriate penalties for violations of
816 rules or regulations by students, to be administered by the
817 institution. Such penalties, unless otherwise provided by law,
818 may include: reprimand; restitution; fines; withholding of
819 diplomas or transcripts pending compliance with rules or
820 regulations, completion of any student judicial process or
821 sanction, or payment of fines; restrictions on the use of or
822 removal from campus facilities; community service; educational
823 requirements; and the imposition of probation, suspension,
824 dismissal, or expulsion.

825 (2) Each community college ~~and state university~~ may adopt,
826 by rule, and each state university may adopt, by regulation, a
827 code of conduct and appropriate penalties for violations of
828 rules or regulations by student organizations, to be
829 administered by the institution. Such penalties, unless
830 otherwise provided by law, may include: reprimand; restitution;
831 suspension, cancellation, or revocation of the registration or
832 official recognition of a student organization; and restrictions
833 on the use of, or removal from, campus facilities.

834 (3) Sanctions authorized by such codes of conduct may be
835 imposed only for acts or omissions in violation of rules or
836 regulations adopted by the institution, including rules or
837 regulations adopted under this section, rules of the State Board
838 of Education, rules or regulations of ~~or~~ the Board of Governors
839 regarding the State University System, county and municipal

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840 ordinances, and the laws of this state, the United States, or
841 any other state.

842 (4) Each community college ~~and state university~~ may
843 establish and adopt, by rule, and each state university may
844 establish and adopt, by regulation, codes of appropriate
845 penalties for violations of rules or regulations governing
846 student academic honesty. Such penalties, unless otherwise
847 provided by law, may include: reprimand; reduction of grade;
848 denial of academic credit; invalidation of university credit or
849 of the degree based upon such credit; probation; suspension;
850 dismissal; or expulsion. In addition to any other penalties that
851 may be imposed, an individual may be denied admission or further
852 registration, and the institution may invalidate academic credit
853 for work done by a student and may invalidate or revoke the
854 degree based upon such credit if it is determined that the
855 student has made false, fraudulent, or incomplete statements in
856 the application, residence affidavit, or accompanying documents
857 or statements in connection with, or supplemental to, the
858 application for admission to or graduation from the institution.

859 (5) Each community college ~~and state university~~ shall
860 adopt rules and each state university shall adopt regulations
861 for the lawful discipline of any student who intentionally acts
862 to impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct,
863 processes, and functions of the institution. Said rules or
864 regulations may apply to acts conducted on or off campus when
865 relevant to such orderly conduct, processes, and functions.

866 Section 18. Subsection (2) of section 1006.65, Florida
867 Statutes, is amended to read:

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868 1006.65 Safety issues in courses offered by public
869 postsecondary educational institutions.—

870 (2) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations ~~rules~~
871 to ensure that policies and procedures are in place to protect
872 the health and safety of students, instructional personnel, and
873 visitors who participate in courses offered by a state
874 university.

875 Section 19. Subsection (3) of section 1007.264, Florida
876 Statutes, is amended to read:

877 1007.264 Persons with disabilities; admission to
878 postsecondary educational institutions; substitute requirements;
879 rules and regulations.—

880 (3) The Board of Governors, in consultation with the State
881 Board of Education, shall adopt regulations ~~rules~~ to implement
882 this section for state universities and shall develop substitute
883 admission requirements where appropriate.

884 Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 1007.265, Florida
885 Statutes, is amended to read:

886 1007.265 Persons with disabilities; graduation, study
887 program admission, and upper-division entry; substitute
888 requirements; rules and regulations.—

889 (3) The Board of Governors, in consultation with the State
890 Board of Education, shall adopt regulations ~~rules~~ to implement
891 this section for state universities and shall develop substitute
892 requirements where appropriate.

893 Section 21. Section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, is amended
894 to read:

895 1009.24 State university student fees.—

896 (1) This section applies to students enrolled in college
 897 credit programs at state universities.

898 (2) All students shall be charged fees except students who
 899 are exempt from fees or students whose fees are waived.

900 (3) All moneys from tuition and fees shall be deposited
 901 pursuant to s. 1011.42.

902 (4) (a) Effective January 1, 2008, the resident
 903 undergraduate tuition for lower-level and upper-level coursework
 904 shall be \$77.39 per credit hour.

905 (b) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year
 906 thereafter, the resident undergraduate tuition per credit hour
 907 shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate
 908 equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided in the General
 909 Appropriations Act. The Office of Economic and Demographic
 910 Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of
 911 the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
 912 Governor, and the Board of Governors each year prior to March 1.
 913 For purposes of this paragraph, the rate of inflation shall be
 914 defined as the rate of the 12-month percentage change in the
 915 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average,
 916 All Items, or successor reports as reported by the United States
 917 Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its
 918 successor for December of the previous year. In the event the
 919 percentage change is negative, the resident undergraduate
 920 tuition shall remain at the same level as the prior fiscal year.

921 (c) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may
 922 establish tuition for graduate and professional programs, and
 923 out-of-state fees for all programs. Except as otherwise provided

924 in this section, the sum of tuition and out-of-state fees
 925 assessed to nonresident students must be sufficient to offset
 926 the full instructional cost of serving such students. However,
 927 adjustments to out-of-state fees or tuition for graduate
 928 programs and professional programs may not exceed 15 percent in
 929 any year.

930 (d) The Board of Governors may consider and approve
 931 flexible tuition policies as requested by a university board of
 932 trustees in accordance with the provisions of subsection (15)
 933 only to the extent such policies are in alignment with the
 934 mission of the university and do not increase the state's fiscal
 935 liability or obligations, including, but not limited to, any
 936 fiscal liability or obligation for programs authorized under ss.
 937 1009.53-1009.538 and ss. 1009.97-1009.984.

938 (e)~~(d)~~ The sum of the activity and service, health, and
 939 athletic fees a student is required to pay to register for a
 940 course shall not exceed 40 percent of the tuition established in
 941 law or in the General Appropriations Act. No university shall be
 942 required to lower any fee in effect on the effective date of
 943 this act in order to comply with this subsection. Within the 40
 944 percent cap, universities may not increase the aggregate sum of
 945 activity and service, health, and athletic fees more than 5
 946 percent per year unless specifically authorized in law or in the
 947 General Appropriations Act. A university may increase its
 948 athletic fee to defray the costs associated with changing
 949 National Collegiate Athletic Association divisions. Any such
 950 increase in the athletic fee may exceed both the 40 percent cap
 951 and the 5 percent cap imposed by this subsection. Any such

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952 increase must be approved by the athletic fee committee in the
953 process outlined in subsection (12) and cannot exceed \$2 per
954 credit hour. Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 1009.534,
955 1009.535, and 1009.536, that portion of any increase in an
956 athletic fee pursuant to this subsection that causes the sum of
957 the activity and service, health, and athletic fees to exceed
958 the 40 percent cap or the annual increase in such fees to exceed
959 the 5 percent cap shall not be included in calculating the
960 amount a student receives for a Florida Academic Scholars award,
961 a Florida Medallion Scholars award, or a Florida Gold Seal
962 Vocational Scholars award.

963 ~~(f)~~ (e) This subsection does not prohibit a university from
964 increasing or assessing optional fees related to specific
965 activities if payment of such fees is not required as a part of
966 registration for courses.

967 (5) A university may implement a differential out-of-state
968 fee in accordance with regulations developed by the Board of
969 Governors for the following:

970 (a) A student from another state that borders the service
971 area of the university.

972 (b) A graduate student who has been determined to be a
973 nonresident for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21 and has
974 a .25 full-time equivalent appointment or greater as a graduate
975 assistant, graduate research assistant, graduate teaching
976 assistant, graduate research associate, or graduate teaching
977 associate.

978 (c) A graduate student who has been determined to be a
979 nonresident for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21 and is

980 receiving a full fellowship.

981 (6) Students who are enrolled in Programs in Medical
 982 Sciences are considered graduate students for the purpose of
 983 enrollment and student fees.

984 (7) A university board of trustees is authorized to
 985 collect for financial aid purposes an amount not to exceed 5
 986 percent of the tuition and out-of-state fee. The revenues from
 987 fees are to remain at each campus and replace existing financial
 988 aid fees. Such funds shall be disbursed to students as quickly
 989 as possible. A minimum of 75 percent of funds from the student
 990 financial aid fee shall be used to provide financial aid based
 991 on absolute need. The Board of Governors shall develop criteria
 992 for making financial aid awards. Each university shall report
 993 annually to the Board of Governors and the Department of
 994 Education on the revenue collected pursuant to this subsection,
 995 the amount carried forward, the criteria used to make awards,
 996 the amount and number of awards for each criterion, and a
 997 delineation of the distribution of such awards. The report shall
 998 include an assessment by category of the financial need of every
 999 student who receives an award, regardless of the purpose for
 1000 which the award is received. Awards which are based on financial
 1001 need shall be distributed in accordance with a nationally
 1002 recognized system of need analysis approved by the Board of
 1003 Governors. An award for academic merit shall require a minimum
 1004 overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the
 1005 equivalent for both initial receipt of the award and renewal of
 1006 the award.

1007 (8) The Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee is established

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1008 as \$2.44 per credit hour per semester. The building fee is
 1009 established as \$2.32 per credit hour per semester.

1010 (9) Each university board of trustees is authorized to
 1011 establish separate activity and service, health, and athletic
 1012 fees. When duly established, the fees shall be collected as
 1013 component parts of tuition and fees and shall be retained by the
 1014 university and paid into the separate activity and service,
 1015 health, and athletic funds. Notwithstanding any other provision
 1016 of law to the contrary, a university may transfer revenues
 1017 derived from the fees authorized pursuant to this subsection to
 1018 a university direct-support organization of the university to be
 1019 used only for the purpose of paying and securing debt on
 1020 projects approved pursuant to s. 1010.62 and pursuant to a
 1021 written agreement approved by the Board of Governors. The amount
 1022 transferred may not exceed the amount authorized for annual debt
 1023 service pursuant to s. 1010.62.

1024 (10) (a) Each university board of trustees shall establish
 1025 a student activity and service fee on the main campus of the
 1026 university. The university board may also establish a student
 1027 activity and service fee on any branch campus or center. Any
 1028 subsequent increase in the activity and service fee must be
 1029 recommended by an activity and service fee committee, at least
 1030 one-half of whom are students appointed by the student body
 1031 president. The remainder of the committee shall be appointed by
 1032 the university president. A chairperson, appointed jointly by
 1033 the university president and the student body president, shall
 1034 vote only in the case of a tie. The recommendations of the
 1035 committee shall take effect only after approval by the

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1036 university president, after consultation with the student body
1037 president, with final approval by the university board of
1038 trustees. An increase in the activity and service fee may occur
1039 only once each fiscal year and must be implemented beginning
1040 with the fall term. The Board of Governors is responsible for
1041 adopting the regulations ~~rules~~ and timetables necessary to
1042 implement this fee.

1043 (b) The student activity and service fees shall be
1044 expended for lawful purposes to benefit the student body in
1045 general. This shall include, but shall not be limited to,
1046 student publications and grants to duly recognized student
1047 organizations, the membership of which is open to all students
1048 at the university without regard to race, sex, or religion. The
1049 fund may not benefit activities for which an admission fee is
1050 charged to students, except for student-government-association-
1051 sponsored concerts. The allocation and expenditure of the fund
1052 shall be determined by the student government association of the
1053 university, except that the president of the university may veto
1054 any line item or portion thereof within the budget when
1055 submitted by the student government association legislative
1056 body. The university president shall have 15 school days from
1057 the date of presentation of the budget to act on the allocation
1058 and expenditure recommendations, which shall be deemed approved
1059 if no action is taken within the 15 school days. If any line
1060 item or portion thereof within the budget is vetoed, the student
1061 government association legislative body shall within 15 school
1062 days make new budget recommendations for expenditure of the
1063 vetoed portion of the fund. If the university president vetoes

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1064 any line item or portion thereof within the new budget
1065 revisions, the university president may reallocate by line item
1066 that vetoed portion to bond obligations guaranteed by activity
1067 and service fees. Unexpended funds and undisbursed funds
1068 remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried over and
1069 remain in the student activity and service fund and be available
1070 for allocation and expenditure during the next fiscal year.

1071 (11) Each university board of trustees shall establish a
1072 student health fee on the main campus of the university. The
1073 university board of trustees may also establish a student health
1074 fee on any branch campus or center. Any subsequent increase in
1075 the health fee must be recommended by a health committee, at
1076 least one-half of whom are students appointed by the student
1077 body president. The remainder of the committee shall be
1078 appointed by the university president. A chairperson, appointed
1079 jointly by the university president and the student body
1080 president, shall vote only in the case of a tie. The
1081 recommendations of the committee shall take effect only after
1082 approval by the university president, after consultation with
1083 the student body president, with final approval by the
1084 university board of trustees. An increase in the health fee may
1085 occur only once each fiscal year and must be implemented
1086 beginning with the fall term. The Board of Governors is
1087 responsible for adopting the regulations ~~rules~~ and timetables
1088 necessary to implement this fee.

1089 (12) Each university board of trustees shall establish a
1090 separate athletic fee on the main campus of the university. The
1091 university board may also establish a separate athletic fee on

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1092 any branch campus or center. Any subsequent increase in the
1093 athletic fee must be recommended by an athletic fee committee,
1094 at least one-half of whom are students appointed by the student
1095 body president. The remainder of the committee shall be
1096 appointed by the university president. A chairperson, appointed
1097 jointly by the university president and the student body
1098 president, shall vote only in the case of a tie. The
1099 recommendations of the committee shall take effect only after
1100 approval by the university president, after consultation with
1101 the student body president, with final approval by the
1102 university board of trustees. An increase in the athletic fee
1103 may occur only once each fiscal year and must be implemented
1104 beginning with the fall term. The Board of Governors is
1105 responsible for adopting the regulations ~~rules~~ and timetables
1106 necessary to implement this fee.

1107 (13) Each university board of trustees may establish a
1108 technology fee of up to 5 percent of the tuition per credit
1109 hour. The revenue from this fee shall be used to enhance
1110 instructional technology resources for students and faculty. The
1111 technology fee may not be included in any award under the
1112 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program established pursuant
1113 to ss. 1009.53-1009.538.

1114 (14)-(13) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (15),
1115 each university board of trustees is authorized to establish the
1116 following fees:

1117 (a) A nonrefundable application fee in an amount not to
1118 exceed \$30.

1119 (b) An orientation fee in an amount not to exceed \$35.

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1120 (c) A fee for security, access, or identification cards.
1121 The annual fee for such a card may not exceed \$10 per card. The
1122 maximum amount charged for a replacement card may not exceed
1123 \$15.

1124 (d) Registration fees for audit and zero-hours
1125 registration; a service charge, which may not exceed \$15, for
1126 the payment of tuition and fees in installments; and a late-
1127 registration fee in an amount not less than \$50 nor more than
1128 \$100 to be imposed on students who fail to initiate registration
1129 during the regular registration period.

1130 (e) A late-payment fee in an amount not less than \$50 nor
1131 more than \$100 to be imposed on students who fail to pay or fail
1132 to make appropriate arrangements to pay (by means of installment
1133 payment, deferment, or third-party billing) tuition by the
1134 deadline set by each university. Each university may adopt
1135 specific procedures or policies for waiving the late-payment fee
1136 for minor underpayments.

1137 (f) ~~(f)~~ Fees for transcripts and diploma replacement, not
1138 to exceed \$10 per item.

1139 (g) A nonrefundable admissions deposit for undergraduate,
1140 graduate, and professional degree programs in an amount not to
1141 exceed \$200. The admissions deposit shall be imposed at the time
1142 of an applicant's acceptance to the university and shall be
1143 applied toward tuition upon enrollment. If the applicant does
1144 not enroll in the university, the admissions deposit shall be
1145 deposited in an auxiliary account of the university and used to
1146 expand financial assistance, scholarships, and student academic
1147 and career counseling services at the university. The Board of

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1148 Governors shall adopt a policy that provides for the waiver of
1149 such admissions deposit on the basis of financial hardship.

1150 (h)~~(f)~~ A fee for miscellaneous health-related charges for
1151 services provided at cost by the university health center which
1152 are not covered by the health fee set under subsection (11).

1153 (i)~~(g)~~ Materials and supplies fees to offset the cost of
1154 materials or supplies that are consumed in the course of the
1155 student's instructional activities, excluding the cost of
1156 equipment replacement, repairs, and maintenance.

1157 (j)~~(h)~~ Housing rental rates and miscellaneous housing
1158 charges for services provided by the university at the request
1159 of the student.

1160 (k)~~(i)~~ A charge representing the reasonable cost of
1161 efforts to collect payment of overdue accounts.

1162 (l)~~(j)~~ A service charge on university loans in lieu of
1163 interest and administrative handling charges.

1164 (m)~~(k)~~ A fee for off-campus course offerings when the
1165 location results in specific, identifiable increased costs to
1166 the university.

1167 (n)~~(l)~~ Library fees and fines, including charges for
1168 damaged and lost library materials, overdue reserve library
1169 books, interlibrary loans, and literature searches.

1170 (o)~~(m)~~ Fees relating to duplicating, photocopying,
1171 binding, and microfilming; copyright services; and standardized
1172 testing. These fees may be charged only to those who receive the
1173 services.

1174 (p)~~(n)~~ Fees and fines relating to the use, late return,
1175 and loss and damage of facilities and equipment.

1176 (g)~~(e)~~ A returned-check fee as authorized by s. 832.07(1)
 1177 for unpaid checks returned to the university.

1178 (r)~~(p)~~ Traffic and parking fines, charges for parking
 1179 decals, and transportation access fees.

1180 (s)~~(q)~~ An Educational Research Center for Child
 1181 Development fee for child care and services offered by the
 1182 center.

1183 ~~(s) A technology fee of up to 5 percent of the tuition per~~
 1184 ~~credit hour, beginning with the fall term of the 2009-2010~~
 1185 ~~academic year. The revenue from this fee shall be used to~~
 1186 ~~enhance instructional technology resources for students and~~
 1187 ~~faculty. The technology fee shall not be included in any award~~
 1188 ~~under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.~~

1189
 1190 With the exception of housing rental rates and except as
 1191 otherwise provided, fees assessed pursuant to paragraphs (h)-(s)
 1192 shall be based on reasonable costs of services. The Board of
 1193 Governors shall adopt regulations and timetables necessary to
 1194 implement the fees and fines authorized under this subsection.
 1195 The fees assessed under this subsection may be used for debt
 1196 only as authorized under s. 1010.62.

1197 ~~(14) Each university board of trustees is authorized to~~
 1198 ~~establish a nonrefundable admissions deposit for undergraduate,~~
 1199 ~~graduate, and professional degree programs in an amount not to~~
 1200 ~~exceed \$200. The admissions deposit shall be imposed at the time~~
 1201 ~~of an applicant's acceptance to the university and shall be~~
 1202 ~~applied toward tuition upon enrollment. In the event the~~
 1203 ~~applicant does not enroll in the university, the admissions~~

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1204 ~~deposit shall be deposited in an auxiliary account of the~~
 1205 ~~university and used to expand financial assistance,~~
 1206 ~~scholarships, and student academic and career counseling~~
 1207 ~~services at the university. A university board of trustees that~~
 1208 ~~establishes an admissions deposit pursuant to this subsection~~
 1209 ~~must also adopt policies that provide for the waiver of such~~
 1210 ~~deposit on the basis of financial hardship.~~

1211 (15) (a) The Board of Governors may approve:

1212 1. A proposal from a university board of trustees to
 1213 establish a new student fee that is not specifically authorized
 1214 by this section.

1215 2. A proposal from a university board of trustees to
 1216 increase the current cap for an existing fee authorized pursuant
 1217 to paragraphs (14) (a) - (g).

1218 3. A proposal from a university board of trustees to
 1219 implement flexible tuition policies, such as block tuition,
 1220 block tuition differential, or market tuition rates for
 1221 graduate-level online courses or graduate-level courses offered
 1222 through a university's continuing education program. A block
 1223 tuition policy for resident undergraduate students or
 1224 undergraduate-level courses shall be based on the per-credit-
 1225 hour undergraduate tuition established under subsection (4). A
 1226 block tuition policy for nonresident undergraduate students
 1227 shall be based on the per-credit-hour undergraduate tuition and
 1228 out-of-state fee established under subsection (4). Flexible
 1229 tuition policies, including block tuition, may not increase the
 1230 state's fiscal liability or obligation.

1231 (b) A proposal developed pursuant to paragraph (a) shall

1232 be submitted in accordance with guidelines established by the
 1233 Board of Governors. Approval by the Board of Governors of such
 1234 proposal must be made in accordance with the provisions of this
 1235 subsection.

1236 (c) In reviewing a proposal to establish a new fee under
 1237 subparagraph (a)1., the Board of Governors shall consider:

1238 1. The purpose to be served or accomplished by the new
 1239 fee.

1240 2. Whether there is a demonstrable student-based need for
 1241 the new fee that is not currently being met through existing
 1242 university services, operations, or another fee.

1243 3. Whether the financial impact on students is warranted
 1244 in light of other charges assessed to students for tuition and
 1245 associated fees.

1246 4. Whether any restrictions, limitations, or conditions
 1247 should be placed on the use of the fee.

1248 5. Whether there are outcome measures to indicate if the
 1249 purpose for which the fee was established is accomplished.

1250 (d) In reviewing a proposal to increase or exceed the
 1251 current cap for an existing fee under subparagraph (a)2., the
 1252 Board of Governors shall consider:

1253 1. The services or operations currently being funded by
 1254 the fee.

1255 2. Whether those services or operations can be performed
 1256 more efficiently to alleviate the need for any increase.

1257 3. The additional or enhanced services or operations to be
 1258 funded by the increase.

1259 4. Whether any alternative resources are available to meet

1260 the need.

1261 5. Whether the financial impact on students is warranted
 1262 in light of other charges assessed to students for tuition and
 1263 associated fees.

1264 (e) In reviewing a proposal to implement a flexible
 1265 tuition policy under subparagraph (a)3., the Board of Governors
 1266 shall consider:

1267 1. Whether the proposed tuition flexibility policy is
 1268 aligned with the mission of the university.

1269 2. Whether the proposed tuition flexibility policy
 1270 increases the state's fiscal liabilities or obligations and, if
 1271 so, the proposal shall be denied.

1272 3. Whether any restrictions, limitations, or conditions
 1273 should be placed on the policy.

1274 4. How the proposed tuition flexibility policy will be
 1275 implemented to honor the advance payment contracts of students
 1276 who are beneficiaries of prepaid tuition contracts under s.
 1277 1009.98.

1278 (f) The Board of Governors shall submit an annual report
 1279 to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
 1280 Representatives, and the Governor summarizing the proposals
 1281 received by the board during the preceding year and actions
 1282 taken by the board in response to such proposals. The Board of
 1283 Governors shall also include in the annual report the following
 1284 information for each fee established pursuant to subparagraph

1285 (a)1.:

1286 1. The amount of the fee.

1287 2. The total revenues generated by the fee.

1288 3. Detailed expenditures of the revenues generated by the
 1289 fee.

1290 (g) The aggregate sum of any fees established pursuant to
 1291 subparagraph (a)1. that a student is required to pay to register
 1292 for a course shall not exceed 10 percent of tuition.

1293 (h) Any fee established pursuant to subparagraph (a)1.
 1294 shall not be included in any award under the Florida Bright
 1295 Futures Scholarship Program established pursuant to ss. 1009.53-
 1296 1009.538.

1297 (i) The revenues generated by a fee established pursuant
 1298 to subparagraph (a)1. may not be transferred to an auxiliary
 1299 enterprise or a direct-support organization and may not be used
 1300 for the purpose of paying or securing debt.

1301 (j) If the Board of Governors approves a university
 1302 proposal to establish a fee pursuant to subparagraph (a)1., a
 1303 fee committee shall be established at the university to make
 1304 recommendations to the university president and the university
 1305 board of trustees regarding how the revenue from the fee is to
 1306 be spent and any subsequent changes to the fee. At least one-
 1307 half of the committee must be students appointed by the student
 1308 body president. The remainder of the committee shall be
 1309 appointed by the university president. A chair, appointed
 1310 jointly by the university president and the student body
 1311 president, shall vote only in the case of a tie.

1312 (k) An increase to an existing fee or a fee established
 1313 pursuant to subparagraph (a)1. may occur no more than once each
 1314 fiscal year and must be implemented beginning with the fall term
 1315 ~~Each university may assess a service charge for the payment of~~

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1316 ~~tuition and fees in installments. Such service charge must be~~
1317 ~~approved by the university board of trustees.~~

1318 (16) Each university board of trustees may establish a
1319 tuition differential for undergraduate courses upon receipt of
1320 approval from the Board of Governors. The tuition differential
1321 shall promote improvements in the quality of undergraduate
1322 education and shall provide financial aid to undergraduate
1323 students who exhibit financial need.

1324 (a) Seventy percent of the revenues from the tuition
1325 differential shall be expended for purposes of undergraduate
1326 education. Such expenditures may include, but are not limited
1327 to, increasing course offerings, improving graduation rates,
1328 increasing the percentage of undergraduate students who are
1329 taught by faculty, decreasing student-faculty ratios, providing
1330 salary increases for faculty who have a history of excellent
1331 teaching in undergraduate courses, improving the efficiency of
1332 the delivery of undergraduate education through academic
1333 advisement and counseling, and reducing the percentage of
1334 students who graduate with excess hours. This expenditure for
1335 undergraduate education may not be used to pay the salaries of
1336 graduate teaching assistants. The remaining 30 percent of the
1337 revenues from the tuition differential, or the equivalent amount
1338 of revenue from private sources, shall be expended to provide
1339 financial aid to undergraduate students who exhibit financial
1340 need to meet the cost of university attendance. This expenditure
1341 for need-based financial aid shall not supplant the amount of
1342 need-based aid provided to undergraduate students in the
1343 preceding fiscal year from financial aid fee revenues, the

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1344 direct appropriation for financial assistance provided to state
1345 universities in the General Appropriations Act, or from private
1346 sources.

1347 (b) Each tuition differential is subject to the following
1348 conditions:

1349 1. The tuition differential may be assessed on one or more
1350 undergraduate courses or on all undergraduate courses at a state
1351 university.

1352 2. The tuition differential may vary by course or courses,
1353 campus or center location, and by institution. Each university
1354 board of trustees shall strive to maintain and increase
1355 enrollment in degree programs related to math, science, high
1356 technology, and other state or regional high-need fields when
1357 establishing tuition differentials by course.

1358 3. For each state university that has total research and
1359 development expenditures for all fields of at least \$100 million
1360 per year as reported annually to the National Science
1361 Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition
1362 differential may not be increased by more than 15 percent of the
1363 total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the
1364 preceding fiscal year. For each state university that has total
1365 research and development expenditures for all fields of less
1366 than \$100 million per year as reported annually to the National
1367 Science Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition
1368 differential may not be increased by more than 15 percent of the
1369 total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the
1370 preceding fiscal year.

1371 4. The aggregate sum of undergraduate tuition and fees per

1372 credit hour, including the tuition differential, may not exceed
 1373 the national average of undergraduate tuition and fees at 4-year
 1374 degree-granting public postsecondary educational institutions.

1375 5. The tuition differential shall not be included in any
 1376 award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
 1377 established pursuant to ~~may not be calculated as a part of the~~
 1378 ~~scholarship programs established in~~ ss. 1009.53-1009.538.

1379 6. Beneficiaries having prepaid tuition contracts pursuant
 1380 to s. 1009.98(2)(b) which were in effect on July 1, 2007, and
 1381 which remain in effect, are exempt from the payment of the
 1382 tuition differential.

1383 7. The tuition differential may not be charged to any
 1384 student who was in attendance at the university before July 1,
 1385 2007, and who maintains continuous enrollment.

1386 8. The tuition differential may be waived by the
 1387 university for students who meet the eligibility requirements
 1388 for the Florida public student assistance grant established in
 1389 s. 1009.50.

1390 9. Subject to approval by the Board of Governors, the
 1391 tuition differential authorized pursuant to this subsection may
 1392 take effect with the 2009 fall term.

1393 (c) A university board of trustees may submit a proposal
 1394 to the Board of Governors to implement a tuition differential
 1395 for one or more undergraduate courses. At a minimum, the
 1396 proposal shall:

1397 1. Identify the course or courses for which the tuition
 1398 differential will be assessed.

1399 2. Indicate the amount that will be assessed for each

1400 | tuition differential proposed.

1401 | 3. Indicate the purpose of the tuition differential.

1402 | 4. Indicate how the revenues from the tuition differential
1403 | will be used.

1404 | 5. Indicate how the university will monitor the success of
1405 | the tuition differential in achieving the purpose for which the
1406 | tuition differential is being assessed.

1407 | (d) The Board of Governors shall review each proposal and
1408 | advise the university board of trustees of approval of the
1409 | proposal, the need for additional information or revision to the
1410 | proposal, or denial of the proposal. The Board of Governors
1411 | shall establish a process for any university to revise a
1412 | proposal or appeal a decision of the board.

1413 | (e) The Board of Governors shall submit a report to the
1414 | President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
1415 | Representatives, and the Governor describing the implementation
1416 | of the provisions of this subsection no later than January 1,
1417 | 2010, and no later than January 1 each year thereafter. The
1418 | report shall summarize proposals received by the board during
1419 | the preceding fiscal year and actions taken by the board in
1420 | response to such proposals. In addition, the report shall
1421 | provide the following information for each university that has
1422 | been approved by the board to assess a tuition differential:

1423 | 1. The course or courses for which the tuition
1424 | differential was assessed and the amount assessed.

1425 | 2. The total revenues generated by the tuition
1426 | differential.

1427 | 3. With respect to waivers authorized under subparagraph

1428 (b)8., the number of students eligible for a waiver, the number
 1429 of students receiving a waiver, and the value of waivers
 1430 provided.

1431 4. Detailed expenditures of the revenues generated by the
 1432 tuition differential.

1433 5. Changes in retention rates, graduation rates, the
 1434 percentage of students graduating with more than 110 percent of
 1435 the hours required for graduation, pass rates on licensure
 1436 examinations, the number of undergraduate course offerings, the
 1437 percentage of undergraduate students who are taught by faculty,
 1438 student-faculty ratios, and the average salaries of faculty who
 1439 teach undergraduate courses.

1440 (f) No state university shall be required to lower any
 1441 tuition differential that was approved by the Board of Governors
 1442 and in effect prior to January 1, 2009, in order to comply with
 1443 the provisions of this subsection.

1444 (17) (a) A state university may assess a student who
 1445 enrolls in a course listed in the Florida Higher Education
 1446 Distance Learning Catalog, established pursuant to s. 1004.09, a
 1447 per-credit-hour distance learning course fee. For purposes of
 1448 assessing this fee, a distance learning course is a course in
 1449 which at least 80 percent of the direct instruction of the
 1450 course is delivered using some form of technology when the
 1451 student and instructor are separated by time or space, or both.

1452 (b) The amount of the distance learning course fee may not
 1453 exceed the additional costs of the services provided which are
 1454 attributable to the development and delivery of the distance
 1455 learning course. If the distance learning course fee is assessed

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1456 by a state university, the institution may not assess
 1457 duplicative fees to cover the additional costs.

1458 (c) The link for the catalog must be prominently displayed
 1459 within the advising and distance learning sections of the
 1460 institution's website, using a graphic and description provided
 1461 by the Florida Distance Learning Consortium, informing students
 1462 of the catalog.

1463 (18) A state university may not charge any fee except as
 1464 specifically authorized by law.

1465 (19) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
 1466 implement the provisions of this section.

1467 Section 22. Subsection (9) of section 1009.26, Florida
 1468 Statutes, is amended to read:

1469 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

1470 (9) Each university board of trustees is authorized to
 1471 waive tuition and out-of-state fees for purposes that support
 1472 and enhance the mission of the university. All fees waived must
 1473 be based on policies that are adopted by university boards of
 1474 trustees pursuant to regulations ~~rules~~ adopted by the Board of
 1475 Governors. Each university shall report the purpose, number, and
 1476 value of all fee waivers granted annually in a format prescribed
 1477 by the Board of Governors.

1478 Section 23. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph
 1479 (b) of subsection (4) of section 1010.04, Florida Statutes, are
 1480 amended to read:

1481 1010.04 Purchasing.—

1482 (1)

1483 (b) Purchases and leases by state universities shall

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1484 | comply with the requirements of law and regulations ~~rules~~ of the
 1485 | Board of Governors.

1486 | (4)

1487 | (b) The Board of Governors may, by regulation ~~rule~~,
 1488 | provide for alternative procedures for state universities for
 1489 | bidding or purchasing in cases in which the character of the
 1490 | item requested renders competitive bidding impractical.

1491 | Section 24. Subsection (1) of section 1010.62, Florida
 1492 | Statutes, is amended to read:

1493 | 1010.62 Revenue bonds and debt.—

1494 | (1) As used in this section, the term:

1495 | (a) "Auxiliary enterprise" means any activity defined in
 1496 | s. 1011.47(1) and performed by a university or a direct-support
 1497 | organization.

1498 | (b)~~(a)~~ "Capital outlay project" means:

1499 | 1. Any project to acquire, construct, improve, or change
 1500 | the functional use of land, buildings, and other facilities,
 1501 | including furniture and equipment necessary to operate a new or
 1502 | improved building or facility.

1503 | 2. Any other acquisition of equipment or software.

1504 | (c)~~(b)~~ "Debt" means bonds, except revenue bonds as defined
 1505 | in paragraph (e) ~~(d)~~, loans, promissory notes, lease-purchase
 1506 | agreements, certificates of participation, installment sales,
 1507 | leases, or any other financing mechanism or financial
 1508 | arrangement, whether or not a debt for legal purposes, for
 1509 | financing or refinancing for or on behalf of a state university
 1510 | or a direct-support organization or for the acquisition,
 1511 | construction, improvement, or purchase of capital outlay

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1512 projects.

1513 (d)~~(e)~~ "Direct-support organization" means an organization
 1514 created pursuant to s. 1004.28 or any entity specifically
 1515 established to incur debt.

1516 (e)~~(d)~~ "Revenue bonds" means any obligation that
 1517 constitutes a revenue bond pursuant to s. 11(d), Art. VII of the
 1518 State Constitution.

1519 Section 25. Section 1011.43, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1520 to read:

1521 1011.43 Investment of university agency and activity
 1522 funds; earnings used for scholarships.—Each university is
 1523 authorized to invest available agency and activity funds and to
 1524 use the earnings from such investments for student scholarships
 1525 and loans. The university board of trustees shall provide
 1526 procedures for the administration of these scholarships and
 1527 loans by regulations ~~rules~~.

1528 Section 26. Subsection (4) of section 1011.90, Florida
 1529 Statutes, is amended to read:

1530 1011.90 State university funding.—

1531 (4) The Board of Governors shall establish and validate a
 1532 cost-estimating system consistent with the requirements of
 1533 subsection (1) and shall report as part of its legislative
 1534 budget request the actual expenditures for the fiscal year
 1535 ending the previous June 30. Expenditure analysis, operating
 1536 budgets, and annual financial statements of each university must
 1537 be prepared using the standard financial reporting procedures
 1538 and formats prescribed by the Board of Governors. These formats
 1539 shall be the same as used for the 2000-2001 fiscal year reports.

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1540 Any revisions to these financial and reporting procedures and
 1541 formats must be approved by the Executive Office of the Governor
 1542 and the appropriations committees of the Legislature jointly
 1543 under the provisions of s. 216.023(3). The Board of Governors
 1544 shall continue to collect and maintain at a minimum ~~the~~
 1545 management information ~~databases~~ existing on June 30, 2002. The
 1546 expenditure analysis report shall include total expenditures
 1547 from all sources for the general operation of the university and
 1548 shall be in such detail as needed to support the legislative
 1549 budget request.

1550 Section 27. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
 1551 1013.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1552 1013.02 Purpose; rules and regulations.-

1553 (2)

1554 (b) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations
 1555 pursuant to its regulation development procedure ~~rules pursuant~~
 1556 ~~to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54~~ to implement the provisions of this
 1557 chapter for state universities.

1558 Section 28. Section 1013.10, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1559 to read:

1560 1013.10 Use of buildings and grounds.-The board may permit
 1561 the use of educational facilities and grounds for any legal
 1562 assembly or for community use centers or may permit the same to
 1563 be used as voting places in any primary, regular, or special
 1564 election. The board shall adopt rules, regulations, or policies
 1565 and procedures necessary to protect educational facilities and
 1566 grounds when used for such purposes.

1567 Section 29. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section

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1568 1013.12, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1569 1013.12 Casualty, safety, sanitation, and firesafety
1570 standards and inspection of property.—

1571 (5) INSPECTIONS OF PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION
1572 FACILITIES.—

1573 (b) Firesafety inspections of state universities shall
1574 comply with regulations ~~rules~~ of the Board of Governors.

1575 Section 30. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
1576 1013.28, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1577 1013.28 Disposal of property.—

1578 (1) REAL PROPERTY.—

1579 (b) Subject to regulations ~~rules~~ of the Board of
1580 Governors, a state university board of trustees may dispose of
1581 any land or real property to which it holds valid title which
1582 is, by resolution of the state university board of trustees,
1583 determined to be unnecessary for educational purposes as
1584 recommended in an educational plant survey. A state university
1585 board of trustees shall take diligent measures to dispose of
1586 educational property only in the best interests of the public.
1587 However, appraisals may be obtained by the state university
1588 board of trustees prior to or simultaneously with the receipt of
1589 bids.

1590 Section 31. Subsection (22) of section 1013.30, Florida
1591 Statutes, is amended to read:

1592 1013.30 University campus master plans and campus
1593 development agreements.—

1594 (22) In consultation with the state land planning agency,
1595 the Board of Governors shall adopt a single, uniform set of

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1596 regulations ~~rules~~ to administer subsections (3)-(6). The
1597 regulations ~~rules~~ must set specific schedules and procedures for
1598 the development and adoption of campus master plans. Before
1599 adopting the regulations ~~rules~~, the Board of Governors must
1600 obtain written verification from the state land planning agency
1601 that the regulations ~~rules~~ satisfy the minimum statutory
1602 criteria required by subsections (3)-(6). The state land
1603 planning agency shall provide the verification within 45 days
1604 after receiving a copy of the regulations ~~rules~~.

1605 Section 32. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
1606 1013.31, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1607 1013.31 Educational plant survey; localized need
1608 assessment; PECO project funding.—

1609 (1) At least every 5 years, each board shall arrange for
1610 an educational plant survey, to aid in formulating plans for
1611 housing the educational program and student population, faculty,
1612 administrators, staff, and auxiliary and ancillary services of
1613 the district or campus, including consideration of the local
1614 comprehensive plan. The Department of Education shall document
1615 the need for additional career and adult education programs and
1616 the continuation of existing programs before facility
1617 construction or renovation related to career or adult education
1618 may be included in the educational plant survey of a school
1619 district or community college that delivers career or adult
1620 education programs. Information used by the Department of
1621 Education to establish facility needs must include, but need not
1622 be limited to, labor market data, needs analysis, and
1623 information submitted by the school district or community

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1624 college.

1625 (b) Required need assessment criteria for district,
1626 community college, state university, and Florida School for the
1627 Deaf and the Blind plant surveys.—Educational plant surveys must
1628 use uniform data sources and criteria specified in this
1629 paragraph. Each revised educational plant survey and each new
1630 educational plant survey supersedes previous surveys.

1631 1. The school district's survey must be submitted as a
1632 part of the district educational facilities plan defined in s.
1633 1013.35. To ensure that the data reported to the Department of
1634 Education as required by this section is correct, the department
1635 shall annually conduct an onsite review of 5 percent of the
1636 facilities reported for each school district completing a new
1637 survey that year. If the department's review finds the data
1638 reported by a district is less than 95 percent accurate, within
1639 1 year from the time of notification by the department the
1640 district must submit revised reports correcting its data. If a
1641 district fails to correct its reports, the commissioner may
1642 direct that future fixed capital outlay funds be withheld until
1643 such time as the district has corrected its reports so that they
1644 are not less than 95 percent accurate.

1645 2. Each survey of a special facility, joint-use facility,
1646 or cooperative career education facility must be based on
1647 capital outlay full-time equivalent student enrollment data
1648 prepared by the department for school districts and community
1649 colleges and by the Chancellor of the State University System
1650 for universities. A survey of space needs of a joint-use
1651 facility shall be based upon the respective space needs of the

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1652 school districts, community colleges, and universities, as
1653 appropriate. Projections of a school district's facility space
1654 needs may not exceed the norm space and occupant design criteria
1655 established by the State Requirements for Educational
1656 Facilities.

1657 3. Each community college's survey must reflect the
1658 capacity of existing facilities as specified in the inventory
1659 maintained by the Department of Education. Projections of
1660 facility space needs must comply with standards for determining
1661 space needs as specified by rule of the State Board of
1662 Education. The 5-year projection of capital outlay student
1663 enrollment must be consistent with the annual report of capital
1664 outlay full-time student enrollment prepared by the Department
1665 of Education.

1666 4. Each state university's survey must reflect the
1667 capacity of existing facilities as specified in the inventory
1668 maintained and validated by the Chancellor of the State
1669 University System. Projections of facility space needs must be
1670 consistent with standards for determining space needs as
1671 specified by regulation ~~rule~~ of the Board of Governors. The
1672 projected capital outlay full-time equivalent student enrollment
1673 must be consistent with the 5-year planned enrollment cycle for
1674 the State University System approved by the Board of Governors.

1675 5. The district educational facilities plan of a school
1676 district and the educational plant survey of a community
1677 college, state university, or the Florida School for the Deaf
1678 and the Blind may include space needs that deviate from approved
1679 standards for determining space needs if the deviation is

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1680 justified by the district or institution and approved by the
1681 department or the Board of Governors, as appropriate, as
1682 necessary for the delivery of an approved educational program.

1683 Section 33. Section 1013.47, Florida Statutes, is amended
1684 to read:

1685 1013.47 Substance of contract; contractors to give bond;
1686 penalties.—Each board shall develop contracts consistent with
1687 this chapter and statutes governing public facilities. Such a
1688 contract must contain the drawings and specifications of the
1689 work to be done and the material to be furnished, the time limit
1690 in which the construction is to be completed, the time and
1691 method by which payments are to be made upon the contract, and
1692 the penalty to be paid by the contractor for any failure to
1693 comply with the terms of the contract. The board may require the
1694 contractor to pay a penalty for any failure to comply with the
1695 terms of the contract and may provide an incentive for early
1696 completion. Upon accepting a satisfactory bid, the board shall
1697 enter into a contract with the party or parties whose bid has
1698 been accepted. The contractor shall furnish the board with a
1699 performance and payment bond as set forth in s. 255.05. A board
1700 or other public entity may not require a contractor to secure a
1701 surety bond under s. 255.05 from a specific agent or bonding
1702 company. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, if
1703 25 percent or more of the costs of any construction project is
1704 paid out of a trust fund established pursuant to 31 U.S.C. s.
1705 1243(a)(1), laborers and mechanics employed by contractors or
1706 subcontractors on such construction will be paid wages not less
1707 than those prevailing on similar construction projects in the

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1708 locality, as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance
 1709 with the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended. A person, firm, or
 1710 corporation that constructs any part of any educational plant,
 1711 or addition thereto, on the basis of any unapproved plans or in
 1712 violation of any plans approved in accordance with the
 1713 provisions of this chapter and rules of the State Board of
 1714 Education or regulations of the Board of Governors relating to
 1715 building standards or specifications is subject to forfeiture of
 1716 bond and unpaid compensation in an amount sufficient to
 1717 reimburse the board for any costs that will need to be incurred
 1718 in making any changes necessary to assure that all requirements
 1719 are met and is also guilty of a misdemeanor of the second
 1720 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083, for
 1721 each separate violation.

1722 Section 34. Subsection (3) of section 1013.74, Florida
 1723 Statutes, is amended to read:

1724 1013.74 University authorization for fixed capital outlay
 1725 projects.—

1726 (3) Other than those projects currently authorized, no
 1727 project proposed by a university which is to be funded from
 1728 Capital Improvement Trust Fund fees or building fees shall be
 1729 submitted to the Board of Governors for approval without prior
 1730 consultation with the student government association of that
 1731 university. The Board of Governors may adopt regulations ~~rules~~
 1732 which are consistent with this requirement.

1733 Section 35. (1) Sections 1001.74, 1004.21, 1004.38,
 1734 1004.381, 1004.3811, 1004.382, 1004.383, 1004.386, and 1004.64,

1735 Florida Statutes, and subsection (13) of section 1004.22,
 1736 Florida Statutes, are repealed.

1737 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature that the repeal of
 1738 sections 1004.38, 1004.381, 1004.3811, 1004.382, 1004.383,
 1739 1004.386, and 1004.64, Florida Statutes, by this act is to
 1740 remove existing statutory authority that is no longer necessary
 1741 for the degree programs and entities that were authorized under
 1742 those provisions and does not affect the authority of a state
 1743 university or the Board of Governors of the State University
 1744 System to continue such programs and entities.

1745 Section 36. Each state university shall identify and
 1746 submit to the Board of Governors a list of rules published in
 1747 Titles 6C1, 6C2, 6C3, 6C4, 6C5, 6C6, 6C7, 6C8, 6C9, 6C10, and
 1748 6C11, Florida Administrative Code, that have been superseded by
 1749 regulations adopted by the Board of Governors or the university
 1750 board of trustees pursuant to authority under s. 7, Art. IX of
 1751 the State Constitution or for which specific statutory authority
 1752 to adopt such regulations has been provided under this act. The
 1753 Board of Governors shall confirm that the information provided
 1754 complies with the provisions of this section and forward the
 1755 information to the Department of State along with any rules of
 1756 the Board of Governors published in Title 6C that meet the same
 1757 criteria. The Department of State may remove from the Florida
 1758 Administrative Code on or before June 30, 2011, any rule of a
 1759 state university or the Board of Governors that derives purely
 1760 from constitutional authority or for which statutory authority
 1761 to adopt regulations instead of rules has been provided. If the
 1762 Department of State removes a rule from the Florida

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1763 | Administrative Code pursuant to this section, it shall place a
1764 | history note at the rule number indicating the action taken and
1765 | referencing this section.

1766 | Section 37. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.