

By the Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Flores

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state university student fees;  
3           amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; authorizing each university  
4           board of trustees to increase the Capital Improvement  
5           Trust Fund fee and the building fee; requiring that a  
6           fee committee recommend any increase in the fees;  
7           requiring that the fee committee be composed of  
8           students and members appointed by the student body  
9           president and the university president, respectively;  
10          requiring that the university president approve  
11          committee recommendations; providing that any increase  
12          in fees may occur only once each fiscal year;  
13          requiring that the Board of Governors adopt  
14          regulations and timetables to implement the fees;  
15          prohibiting the sum of the Capital Improvement Trust  
16          Fund fee and the building fee from exceeding 10  
17          percent of the tuition for resident students or 10  
18          percent of the sum of tuition and out-of-state fees  
19          for nonresident students; authorizing the use of the  
20          Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee for certain  
21          projects or real property acquisitions; requiring that  
22          the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of  
23          Administration analyze any proposed fee reductions to  
24          the Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; requiring that  
25          the Board of Governors approve any proposed fee  
26          reductions; reenacting s. 1011.48(5), F.S., relating  
27          to the establishment of educational research centers  
28          for child development, to incorporate the amendment  
29          made to s. 1009.24(8), F.S., in a reference thereto;

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30 providing an effective date.

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

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34 Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 1009.24, Florida  
35 Statutes, is amended to read:

36 1009.24 State university student fees.—

37 (8) (a) The Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee is  
38 established as \$2.44 per credit hour per semester. The building  
39 fee is established as \$2.32 per credit hour per semester.

40 (b) Beginning with the 2012 fall term, each university  
41 board of trustees may increase the Capital Improvement Trust  
42 Fund fee and the building fee. Any increase in the fees must be  
43 recommended by a Capital Improvement Trust Fund and building fee  
44 committee, at least one-half of whom are students appointed by  
45 the student body president. The remainder of the committee shall  
46 be appointed by the university president. A chairperson,  
47 appointed jointly by the university president and the student  
48 body president, shall vote only in the case of a tie. The  
49 recommendations of the committee shall take effect only after  
50 approval by the university president, after consultation with  
51 the student body president, with final approval by the  
52 university board of trustees. An increase in the fees may occur  
53 only once each fiscal year and must be implemented beginning  
54 with the fall term. The Board of Governors shall adopt  
55 regulations and timetables to implement the fees.

56 (c) The sum of the fees may not exceed 10 percent of the  
57 tuition for resident students or 10 percent of the sum of  
58 tuition and out-of-state fees for nonresident students. The

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59 Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee may be used to fund any  
60 project or real property acquisition that meets the requirements  
61 of chapter 1013. The Division of Bond Finance of the State Board  
62 of Administration shall analyze any proposed reductions to the  
63 Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee to ensure consistency with  
64 prudent financial management of the bond program associated with  
65 the revenues from the fee. The Board of Governors shall approve  
66 any proposed fee reductions.

67 Section 2. For the purpose of incorporating the amendment  
68 made by this act to section 1009.24(8), Florida Statutes, in a  
69 reference thereto, subsection (5) of section 1011.48, Florida  
70 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

71 1011.48 Establishment of educational research centers for  
72 child development.—

73 (5) Each educational research center for child development  
74 shall be funded by a portion of the Capital Improvement Trust  
75 Fund fee established by the Board of Governors pursuant to s.  
76 1009.24(8). Each university that establishes a center shall  
77 receive a portion of such fees collected from the students  
78 enrolled at that university, usable only at that university,  
79 equal to 22.5 cents per student per credit hour taken per term,  
80 based on the summer term and fall and spring semesters. This  
81 allocation shall be used by the university only for the  
82 establishment and operation of a center as provided by this  
83 section and rules adopted hereunder. Said allocation may be made  
84 only after all bond obligations required to be paid from such  
85 fees have been met.

86 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.