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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education (Galvano) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 421 - 478
and insert:

1. For students classified as residents for tuition purposes, tuition for an online baccalaureate degree program shall be set at no more than 75 percent of the tuition rate as specified in the General Appropriations Act pursuant to s. 1009.24(4) and 75 percent of the tuition differential pursuant to s. 1009.24(16). No distance learning fee or fee for campus facilities or on-campus services may be assessed, except that online students shall pay the university's technology and financial aid fees and the Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee.



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14 The Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee shall be dedicated to the
15 university's online research center.

16 2. For students classified as nonresidents for tuition
17 purposes, tuition may be set at market rates as directed and
18 authorized by the board of directors in accordance with the
19 business plan.

20 3. Tuition for the online degree programs shall include all
21 costs associated with the program, including, but not limited
22 to, instruction, materials, and enrollment. However, an online
23 student may be charged the cost of any hard-copy textbook and
24 any physical laboratory supplies necessary for the program.

25 4. Subject to the limitations in subparagraph 1., tuition
26 may be differentiated by degree program as appropriate to the
27 instructional and other costs of the program and as recommended
28 by the university president and board of trustees and authorized
29 by the board of directors in accordance with the business plan.
30 Pricing must incorporate innovative approaches that incentivize
31 persistence and completion, including, but not limited to, fee
32 for assessment, bundled or all-inclusive rate, and sliding scale
33 features.

34 5. The university must accept advance payment contracts and
35 student financial aid.

36 6. The board of directors shall ensure that 50 percent of
37 the net revenues generated from the online arm of the university
38 is used to enhance and enrich the online arm of the university
39 and 50 percent of the net revenues generated from the online arm
40 of the university is used to enhance and enrich the university
41 campus's state-of-the-art research programs and facilities.

42 (5) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY ENHANCEMENT



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43 INITIATIVE.—The state research university that has attained the
44 second highest level on the academic and research excellence
45 standards identified in subsection (2), as verified by the Board
46 of Governors, shall recruit National Academy members, expedite
47 provision of a masters degree in cloud virtualization, and
48 institute an entrepreneurs-in-residence program throughout its
49 campus, subject to funds appropriated by the Legislature.

50 (6) PREEMINENT STATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY SPECIAL COURSE
51 REQUIREMENTS AUTHORITY.—In order to provide a jointly shared
52 educational experience, a state university that is designated a
53 preeminent state research university may require its incoming
54 first-time-in-college students to take a 9-credit to 12-credit
55 set of courses specifically determined by the university. The
56 state university may stipulate that credit for such courses may
57 not be earned through any acceleration mechanism pursuant to s.
58 1007.27 or s. 1007.271 or other transfer credit. All accelerated
59 credits earned up to the limits specified in ss. 1007.27 and
60 1007.271 shall be applied toward graduation at the student's
61 request.