By Senator Latvala

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to postsecondary student tuition;
3	amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; redefining the terms
4	"dependent child" and "parent"; revising certain
5	residency requirements for a dependent child;
6	prohibiting denial of classification as a resident for
7	tuition purposes based on certain immigration status;
8	revising requirements for documentation of residency;
9	revising requirements relating to classification or
10	reclassification as a resident for tuition purposes
11	based on marriage; revising requirements relating to
12	reevaluation of classification as a resident for
13	tuition purposes; providing that certain veterans of
14	the Armed Services of the United States, persons who
15	receive certain tuition exemptions or waivers, and
16	students who meet certain graduation, enrollment, and
17	residency documentation requirements shall be
18	classified as residents for tuition purposes;
19	providing for the adoption of rules and regulations;
20	amending ss. 1009.22 and 1009.23, F.S.; revising the
21	standard tuition and out-of-state fees for workforce
22	education postsecondary programs leading to certain
23	certificates and diplomas and certain other programs
24	at Florida College System institutions; deleting a
25	provision related to an increase of tuition and out-
26	of-state fees at a rate equal to inflation; deleting
27	the requirement of the Office of the Economic and
28	Demographic Research to annually report the rate of
29	inflation to the Governor, the Legislature, and the

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20-01177C-14 20141400 30 State Board of Education; deleting the definition of 31 the term "rate of inflation"; amending s. 1009.24, 32 F.S.; deleting a provision related to an increase of the resident undergraduate tuition at state 33 34 universities at a rate equal to inflation; deleting 35 the requirement of the Office of the Economic and 36 Demographic Research to annually report the rate of 37 inflation to the Governor, the Legislature, and the 38 Board of Governors; deleting the definition of the 39 term "rate of inflation"; conforming provisions to 40 changes made by the act; prohibiting a state 41 university board of trustees from establishing or increasing the tuition differential for undergraduate 42 courses; amending s. 1009.98, F.S.; redefining the 43 44 term "tuition differential"; revising the purchase 45 date of an advance payment contract as it relates to 46 the amount paid by the Florida Prepaid College Board 47 to a state university on behalf of a qualified beneficiary; prohibiting the amount of the aggregate 48 49 sum of registration fees, the tuition differential, 50 and local fees paid by the board to a state university 51 on behalf of a qualified beneficiary of an advance payment contract from exceeding a certain percentage 52 53 of the amount charged by the state university for the 54 aggregate sum of those fees; prohibiting the amount of the dormitory fees paid for by the board to a state 55 56 university on behalf of a qualified beneficiary of an 57 advance payment contract from exceeding a certain 58 percentage of the amount charged by the state

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59	university for those fees; conforming provisions to
60	changes made by the act; providing an effective date.
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62	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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64	Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (f) of subsection (1),
65	paragraph (b) of subsection (2), paragraph (c) of subsection
66	(3), subsections (4) and (5), paragraph (d) of subsection (6),
67	and subsections (8), (10), and (13) of section 1009.21, Florida
68	Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (d) is added to subsection
69	(2) of that section, to read:
70	1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition
71	purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or
72	nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in
73	postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical
74	career centers or career centers operated by school districts,
75	in Florida College System institutions, and in state
76	universities.
77	(1) As used in this section, the term:
78	(a) "Dependent child" means any person, whether or not
79	living with his or her parent, who is eligible to be claimed by
80	his or her parent as a dependent under the federal income tax
81	code or who is not deemed independent for federal financial aid
82	purposes.
83	(f) "Parent" means the natural or adoptive parent <u>,</u>
84	stepparent, or legal guardian of a dependent child.
85	(2)
86	(b) However, with respect to a dependent child living with
87	an adult relative other than the child's parent, such child may
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88	qualify as a resident for tuition purposes if the adult relative
89	is a legal resident who has maintained legal residence in this
90	state for at least 12 consecutive months immediately <u>before</u>
91	prior to the child's initial enrollment in an institution of
92	higher education, provided the child has resided continuously
93	with such relative for the 3 \pm years immediately <u>before</u> prior to
94	the child's initial enrollment in an institution of higher
95	education, during which time the adult relative has exercised
96	day-to-day care, supervision, and control of the child.
97	(d) A dependent child who is a United States citizen may
98	not be denied classification as a resident for tuition purposes
99	based solely upon the immigration status of his or her parent.
100	(3)
101	(c) Each institution of higher education shall
102	affirmatively determine that an applicant who has been granted
103	admission to that institution as a Florida resident meets the
104	residency requirements of this section at the time of initial
105	enrollment. The residency determination must be documented by
106	the submission of written or electronic verification that
107	includes two or more of the documents identified in this
108	paragraph. Verification of the documents listed in sub-
109	subparagraphs 1.ad. may be satisfied by submission of an
110	affidavit by the person claiming residency. No single piece of
111	evidence shall be conclusive.
112	1. The documents must include at least one of the
113	following:
114	a. A Florida voter information voter's registration card.
115	b. A Florida <u>driver</u> driver's license.
116	c. A State of Florida identification card.

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117	d. A Florida vehicle registration.
118	e. Proof of a permanent home in Florida which is occupied
119	as a primary residence by the individual or by the individual's
120	parent if the individual is a dependent child.
121	f. Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida.
122	g. Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple
123	years if the Florida high school diploma or GED was earned
124	within the last 12 months.
125	h. Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for
126	at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period.
127	2. The documents may include one or more of the following:
128	a. A declaration of domicile in Florida.
129	b. A Florida professional or occupational license.
130	c. Florida incorporation.
131	d. A document evidencing family ties in Florida.
132	e. Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or
133	professional organization.
134	f. Any other documentation that supports the student's
135	request for resident status, including, but not limited to,
136	utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a
137	lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments;
138	or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing
139	legal ties to Florida.
140	(4) With respect to a dependent child, the legal residence
141	of the dependent child's parent or parents is prima facie
142	evidence of the dependent child's legal residence, which
143	evidence may be reinforced or rebutted, relative to the age and
144	general circumstances of the dependent child, by the other
145	evidence of legal residence required of or presented by the

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146	dependent child. However, the legal residence of a dependent
147	child's parent or parents who are domiciled outside this state
148	is not prima facie evidence of the dependent child's legal
149	residence if that dependent child has lived in this state for 3
150	- 5 consecutive years before prior to enrolling or reregistering
151	at the institution of higher education at which resident status
152	for tuition purposes is sought.
153	(5) A person who physically resides in this state may be
154	classified as a resident for tuition purposes if he or she
155	marries a person who meets the 12-month residency requirement
156	under subsection (2) and otherwise qualifies as a resident for
157	tuition purposes under this section In making a domiciliary
158	determination related to the classification of a person as a
159	resident or nonresident for tuition purposes, the domicile of a
160	married person, irrespective of sex, shall be determined, as in
161	the case of an unmarried person, by reference to all relevant
162	evidence of domiciliary intent. For the purposes of this
163	section:
164	(a) A person shall not be preeluded from establishing or
165	maintaining legal residence in this state and subsequently
166	qualifying or continuing to qualify as a resident for tuition
167	purposes solely by reason of marriage to a person domiciled
168	outside this state, even when that person's spouse continues to
169	be domiciled outside of this state, provided such person
170	maintains his or her legal residence in this state.
171	(b) A person shall not be deemed to have established or
172	maintained a legal residence in this state and subsequently to

173 have qualified or continued to qualify as a resident for tuition 174 purposes solely by reason of marriage to a person domiciled in

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175	this state.
176	(c) In determining the domicile of a married person,
177	irrespective of sex, the fact of the marriage and the place of
178	domicile of such person's spouse shall be deemed relevant
179	evidence to be considered in ascertaining domiciliary intent.
180	(6)
181	(d) <u>A person classified as a nonresident for tuition</u>
182	purposes may be reclassified as a resident by subsequently
183	marrying a person who meets the criteria to establish residency
184	for tuition purposes. In order to be reclassified, a person must
185	submit all of the following:
186	1. Evidence of his or her own physical residence in this
187	state.
188	2. Evidence of marriage to a person who qualifies as a
189	resident for tuition purposes under this section.
190	3. Documentation to support his or her spouse's residency
191	classification. A person who is classified as a nonresident for
192	tuition purposes and who marries a legal resident of the state
193	or marries a person who becomes a legal resident of the state
194	may, upon becoming a legal resident of the state, become
195	eligible for reclassification as a resident for tuition purposes
196	upon submitting evidence of his or her own legal residency in
197	the state, evidence of his or her marriage to a person who is a
198	legal resident of the state, and evidence of the spouse's legal
199	residence in the state for at least 12 consecutive months
200	immediately preceding the application for reclassification.
201	(8) After a student has been classified as a resident for
202	tuition purposes, an institution of higher education is not
203	required to reevaluate the classification unless inconsistent

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204	information suggests that an erroneous classification was made
205	or the student breaks enrollment from the institution for a
206	period of 12 months or longer. A person who has been properly
207	classified as a resident for tuition purposes but who, while
208	enrolled in an institution of higher education in this state,
209	loses his or her resident tuition status because the person or,
210	if he or she is a dependent child, the person's parent or
211	parents establish domicile or legal residence elsewhere shall
212	continue to enjoy the in-state tuition rate for a statutory
213	grace period, which period shall be measured from the date on
214	which the circumstances arose that culminated in the loss of
215	resident tuition status and shall continue for 12 months.
216	However, if the 12-month grace period ends during a semester or
217	academic term for which such former resident is enrolled, such
218	grace period shall be extended to the end of that semester or
219	academic term.
220	(10) The following persons shall be classified as residents
221	for tuition purposes:
222	(a) Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United
223	States residing or stationed in this state, their spouses, and
224	dependent children, and active drilling members of the Florida
225	National Guard.
226	(b) Active duty members of the Armed Services of the United
227	States and their spouses and dependents attending a Florida
228	College System institution or state university within 50 miles
229	of the military establishment where they are stationed, if such
230	military establishment is within a county contiguous to Florida.
231	(c) Veterans of the Armed Services of the United States,
232	including reserve components thereof, who were honorably
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233	discharged and who physically reside in this state while
234	enrolled in an institution of higher education.
235	(d) (c) United States citizens living on the Isthmus of
236	Panama, who have completed 12 consecutive months of college work
237	at the Florida State University Panama Canal Branch, and their
238	spouses and dependent children.
239	<u>(e)</u> Full-time instructional and administrative personnel
240	employed by state public schools and institutions of higher
241	education and their spouses and dependent children.
242	(f) (e) Students from Latin America and the Caribbean who
243	receive scholarships from the federal or state government. Any
244	student classified pursuant to this paragraph shall attend, on a
245	full-time basis, a Florida institution of higher education.
246	<u>(g)</u> (f) Southern Regional Education Board's Academic Common
247	Market graduate students attending Florida's state universities.
248	<u>(h)</u> Full-time employees of state agencies or political
249	subdivisions of the state when the student fees are paid by the
250	state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of job-
251	related law enforcement or corrections training.
252	(i) (h) McKnight Doctoral Fellows and Finalists who are
253	United States citizens.
254	<u>(j)</u> United States citizens living outside the United
255	States who are teaching at a Department of Defense Dependent
256	School or in an American International School and who enroll in
257	a graduate level education program which leads to a Florida
258	teaching certificate.
259	<u>(k)</u> Active duty members of the Canadian military
260	residing or stationed in this state under the North American Air
261	Defense (NORAD) agreement, and their spouses and dependent

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262	children, attending a Florida College System institution or
263	state university within 50 miles of the military establishment
264	where they are stationed.
265	<u>(l)(k)</u> Active duty members of a foreign nation's military
266	who are serving as liaison officers and are residing or
267	stationed in this state, and their spouses and dependent
268	children, attending a Florida College System institution or
269	state university within 50 miles of the military establishment
270	where the foreign liaison officer is stationed.
271	(m) Persons who receive a tuition exemption or waiver under
272	s. 112.19(3), s. 112.191(3), s. 961.06(1)(b), s. 1009.25(1)(c),
273	(d), or (f), or s. 1009.26(8) or (10).
274	(n) Students who attend a secondary school in this state
275	for 3 consecutive years immediately before high school
276	graduation, apply for enrollment in an institution of higher
277	education within 24 months after graduation, and submit an
278	official Florida high school transcript as documentary evidence
279	of residence in this state. Students who are classified as
280	residents for tuition purposes under this paragraph must also
281	provide proof of United States citizenship to be eligible for
282	state financial aid pursuant to s. 1009.40.
283	(13) The State Board of Education <u>shall adopt rules,</u> and
284	the Board of Governors shall adopt <u>regulations,</u> rules to
285	implement this section.
286	Section 2. Paragraphs (c) through (g) of subsection (3) of
287	section 1009.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
288	1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees
289	(3)
290	(c) Effective July 1, $2014 + 2011$, for programs leading to a
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20-01177C-14 20141400 291 career certificate or an applied technology diploma, the 292 standard tuition shall be \$2.33 \$2.22 per contact hour for 293 residents and nonresidents and the out-of-state fee shall be 294 \$6.99 \$6.66 per contact hour. For adult general education 295 programs, a block tuition of \$45 per half year or \$30 per term 296 shall be assessed for residents and nonresidents, and the out-297 of-state fee shall be \$135 per half year or \$90 per term. Each 298 district school board and Florida College System institution 299 board of trustees shall adopt policies and procedures for the 300 collection of and accounting for the expenditure of the block 301 tuition. All funds received from the block tuition shall be used 302 only for adult general education programs. Students enrolled in 303 adult general education programs may not be assessed the fees 304 authorized in subsection (5), subsection (6), or subsection (7). (d) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year 305 306 thereafter, the tuition and the out-of-state fee per contact 307 hour shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided in the 308 309 Ceneral Appropriations Act. The Office of Economic and 310 Demographic Research shall report the rate of inflation to the 311 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of 312 Representatives, the Governor, and the State Board of Education 313 each year prior to March 1. For purposes of this paragraph, the rate of inflation shall be defined as the rate of the 12-month 314 315 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban 316 Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, or successor reports as 317 reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor for December of the previous 318 year. In the event the percentage change is negative, the 319

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20-01177C-14 20141400 320 tuition and out-of-state fee shall remain at the same level as 321 the prior fiscal year. 322 (d) (e) Each district school board and each Florida College 323 System institution board of trustees may adopt tuition and out-324 of-state fees that may vary no more than 5 percent below and 5 325 percent above the combined total of the standard tuition and 326 out-of-state fees established in paragraph (c). 327 (e) (f) The maximum increase in resident tuition for any 328 school district or Florida College System institution during the 329 2007-2008 fiscal year shall be 5 percent over the tuition 330 charged during the 2006-2007 fiscal year. (f) (g) The State Board of Education may adopt, by rule, the 331 332 definitions and procedures that district school boards and 333 Florida College System institution boards of trustees shall use in the calculation of cost borne by students. 334 335 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 1009.23, Florida 336 Statutes, is amended to read: 337 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.-338 (3) (a) Effective July 1, 2014 2011, for advanced and 339 professional, postsecondary vocational, developmental education, 340 and educator preparation institute programs, the standard 341 tuition shall be \$71.98 $\frac{68.56}{9}$ per credit hour for residents and 342 nonresidents, and the out-of-state fee shall be \$215.94 \$205.82 343 per credit hour. (b) Effective July 1, 2014 2011, for baccalaureate degree 344 programs, the following tuition and fee rates shall apply: 345 346 1. The tuition shall be \$91.79 + 87.42 per credit hour for 347 students who are residents for tuition purposes. 348 2. The sum of the tuition and the out-of-state fee per

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349	 credit hour for students who are nonresidents for tuition
350	purposes shall be no more than 85 percent of the sum of the
351	tuition and the out-of-state fee at the state university nearest
352	the Florida College System institution.
353	(c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year
354	thereafter, the tuition and the out-of-state fee shall increase
355	at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to
356	inflation, unless otherwise provided in the General
357	Appropriations Act. The Office of Economic and Demographic
358	Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of
359	the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
360	Governor, and the State Board of Education each year prior to
361	March 1. For purposes of this paragraph, the rate of inflation
362	shall be defined as the rate of the 12-month percentage change
363	in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City
364	Average, All Items, or successor reports as reported by the
365	United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics,
366	or its successor for December of the previous year. In the event
367	the percentage change is negative, the tuition and the out-of-
368	state fee per credit hour shall remain at the same levels as the
369	prior fiscal year.
370	Section 4. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) of subsection (4)
371	of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph
372	(g) is added to subsection (16) of that section, to read:
373	1009.24 State university student fees
374	(4)(a) Effective July 1, 2014 2011 , the resident
375	undergraduate tuition for lower-level and upper-level coursework
376	shall be \$103.32 per credit hour.
377	(b) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year

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394 athletic fees a student is required to pay to register for a 395 course may shall not exceed 40 percent of the tuition 396 established in law or in the General Appropriations Act. No 397 university shall be required to lower any fee in effect on the 398 effective date of this act in order to comply with this 399 subsection. Within the 40 percent cap, universities may not 400 increase the aggregate sum of activity and service, health, and 401 athletic fees more than 5 percent per year, or the same 402 percentage increase in tuition authorized under paragraph (b), 403 whichever is greater, unless specifically authorized in law or 404 in the General Appropriations Act. A university may increase its 405 athletic fee to defray the costs associated with changing National Collegiate Athletic Association divisions. Any such 406

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20-01177C-14 20141400 407 increase in the athletic fee may exceed both the 40 percent cap 408 and the 5 percent cap imposed by this subsection. Any such 409 increase must be approved by the athletic fee committee in the 410 process outlined in subsection (12) and may not cannot exceed \$2 411 per credit hour. Notwithstanding the provisions of ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, that portion of any increase in an 412 413 athletic fee pursuant to this subsection which that causes the 414 sum of the activity and service, health, and athletic fees to exceed the 40 percent cap or the annual increase in such fees to 415 416 exceed the 5 percent cap may shall not be included in 417 calculating the amount a student receives for a Florida Academic 418 Scholars award, a Florida Medallion Scholars award, or a Florida 419 Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award. Notwithstanding this 420 paragraph and subject to approval by the board of trustees, each 421 state university may is authorized to exceed the 5 percent 5-422 percent cap on the annual increase to the aggregate sum of 423 activity and service, health, and athletic fees for the 2010-424 2011 fiscal year. Any such increase may shall not exceed 15 425 percent or the amount required to reach the 2009-2010 fiscal 426 year statewide average for the aggregate sum of activity and 427 service, health, and athletic fees at the main campuses, 428 whichever is greater. The aggregate sum of the activity and 429 service, health, and athletic fees may shall not exceed 40 430 percent of tuition. Any increase in the activity and service fee, health fee, or athletic fee must be approved by the 431 432 appropriate fee committee pursuant to subsection (10), 433 subsection (11), or subsection (12).

434 (16) Each university board of trustees may establish a435 tuition differential for undergraduate courses upon receipt of

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436	approval from the Board of Governors. The tuition differential
437	shall promote improvements in the quality of undergraduate
438	education and shall provide financial aid to undergraduate
439	students who exhibit financial need.
440	(g) Notwithstanding this subsection, effective July 1,
441	2014, a state university board of trustees may not establish or
442	increase a tuition differential for undergraduate courses as
443	provided for in this subsection.
444	Section 5. Subsection (10) of section 1009.98, Florida
445	Statutes, is amended to read:
446	1009.98 Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program
447	(10) PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES
448	(a) As used in this subsection, the term:
449	1. "Actuarial reserve" means the amount by which the
450	expected value of the assets <u>exceeds</u> exceed the expected value
451	of the liabilities of the trust fund.
452	2. "Dormitory fees" means the fees included under advance
453	payment contracts pursuant to paragraph (2)(d).
454	3. "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of the state
455	pursuant to s. 215.01.
456	4. "Local fees" means the fees covered by an advance
457	payment contract provided pursuant to subparagraph (2)(b)2.
458	5. "Tuition differential" means the fee covered by advance
459	payment contracts sold pursuant to subparagraph (2)(b)3. The
460	base rate for the tuition differential fee for the 2012-2013
461	fiscal year is established at \$37.03 per credit hour. The base
462	rate for the tuition differential in subsequent years is the
463	amount <u>assessed</u> paid by the board for the tuition differential
464	for the preceding year adjusted pursuant to subparagraph (b)2.

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fund, the board shall pay the state universities 5.5 percent above the base rate for the tuition differential fee in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is between 5 percent and 6 percent of the expected liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 6 percent above

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494	the base rate for the tuition differential fee in the preceding
495	fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is between 6 percent and
496	7.5 percent of the expected liabilities of the trust fund, the
497	board shall pay the state universities 6.5 percent above the
498	base rate for the tuition differential fee in the preceding
499	fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is equal to or greater
500	than 7.5 percent of the expected liabilities of the trust fund,
501	the board shall pay the state universities 7 percent above the
502	base rate for the tuition differential fee in the preceding
503	fiscal year.
504	3. As to local fees, the board shall pay the state
505	universities 5 percent above the amount assessed for local fees
506	in the preceding fiscal year.
507	4. As to dormitory fees, the board shall pay the state
508	universities 6 percent above the amount assessed for dormitory
509	fees in the preceding fiscal year.
510	5. Qualified beneficiaries of advance payment contracts
511	purchased before July 1, 2007, are exempt from paying any
512	tuition differential fee.
513	(c) Notwithstanding the amount assessed for registration
514	fees, the tuition differential, or local fees, the amount paid
515	by the board to any state university on behalf of a qualified
516	beneficiary of an advanced payment contract with respect to the
517	aggregate sum of those fees may not exceed 100 percent of the
518	amount charged by the state university for the aggregate sum of
519	those fees.
520	(d) Notwithstanding the amount assessed for dormitory fees,
521	the amount paid by the board to any state university on behalf
522	of a qualified beneficiary of an advanced payment contract with

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523	respect to that fee may not exceed 100 percent of the amount
524	charged by the state university for that fee.
525	<u>(e)</u> The board shall pay state universities the actual
526	amount <u>charged</u> assessed in accordance with law for registration
527	fees, the tuition differential, local fees, and dormitory fees
528	for advance payment contracts purchased on or after July 1, $\underline{2024}$
529	2009 .
530	<u>(f)</u> The board shall annually evaluate or cause to be
531	evaluated the actuarial soundness of the trust fund.
532	Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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