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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Education (Galvano) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and paragraph  
(b) of subsection (16) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are  
amended to read:

1009.24 State university student fees.—

(4)

(b) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year  
thereafter, the resident undergraduate tuition per credit hour



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12 shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate  
13 ~~equal to inflation, unless otherwise~~ provided in the General  
14 Appropriations Act. If the rate is not provided in the General  
15 Appropriations Act ~~The Office of Economic and Demographic~~  
16 ~~Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of~~  
17 ~~the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the~~  
18 ~~Governor, and the Board of Governors each year prior to March 1.~~  
19 ~~For purposes of this paragraph, the rate of inflation shall be~~  
20 ~~defined as the rate of the 12-month percentage change in the~~  
21 ~~Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average,~~  
22 ~~All Items, or successor reports as reported by the United States~~  
23 ~~Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its~~  
24 ~~successor for December of the previous year. In the event the~~  
25 ~~percentage change is negative, the resident undergraduate~~  
26 tuition shall remain at the same level as the prior fiscal year.

27 (16) Each university board of trustees may establish a  
28 tuition differential for undergraduate courses upon receipt of  
29 approval from the Board of Governors. The tuition differential  
30 shall promote improvements in the quality of undergraduate  
31 education and shall provide financial aid to undergraduate  
32 students who exhibit financial need.

33 (b) Each tuition differential is subject to the following  
34 conditions:

35 1. The tuition differential may be assessed on one or more  
36 undergraduate courses or on all undergraduate courses at a state  
37 university.

38 2. The tuition differential may vary by course or courses,  
39 campus or center location, and by institution. Each university  
40 board of trustees shall strive to maintain and increase



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41 enrollment in degree programs related to math, science, high  
42 technology, and other state or regional high-need fields when  
43 establishing tuition differentials by course.

44 3. For each state university that has total research and  
45 development expenditures for all fields of at least \$100 million  
46 per year as reported annually to the National Science  
47 Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition  
48 differential may not be increased by more than 6 ~~15~~ percent of  
49 the total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the  
50 preceding fiscal year. For each state university that has total  
51 research and development expenditures for all fields of less  
52 than \$100 million per year as reported annually to the National  
53 Science Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition  
54 differential may not be increased by more than 6 ~~15~~ percent of  
55 the total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the  
56 preceding fiscal year.

57 4. The aggregate sum of undergraduate tuition and fees per  
58 credit hour, including the tuition differential, may not exceed  
59 the national average of undergraduate tuition and fees at 4-year  
60 degree-granting public postsecondary educational institutions.

61 5. The tuition differential shall not be included in any  
62 award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program  
63 established pursuant to ss. 1009.53-1009.538.

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

68 7. The tuition differential may not be charged to any  
69 student who was in attendance at the university before July 1,



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70 2007, and who maintains continuous enrollment.

71 8. The tuition differential may be waived by the university  
72 for students who meet the eligibility requirements for the  
73 Florida public student assistance grant established in s.  
74 1009.50.

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

78 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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80 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

81 And the title is amended as follows:

82 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
83 and insert:

84 A bill to be entitled  
85 An act relating to postsecondary education; amending  
86 s. 1009.24, F.S.; deleting a provision relating to the  
87 automatic rate of inflation increase in resident  
88 undergraduate tuition per credit hour at state  
89 universities; deleting a requirement that the Office  
90 of Economic and Demographic Research annually report  
91 the rate of inflation to the Governor, the  
92 Legislature, and the Board of Governors; deleting the  
93 definition of the term "rate of inflation"; lowering  
94 the annual percentage increase allowed in the  
95 aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition differential  
96 at state universities; providing an effective date.