

FOR CONSIDERATION By the Committee on Education

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to postsecondary education; amending  
3       s. 1009.24, F.S.; deleting a provision related to  
4       automatic rate of inflation increase of resident  
5       undergraduate tuition per credit hour at state  
6       universities; deleting a provision that requires the  
7       Office of Economic and Demographic Research to  
8       annually report the rate of inflation to the Governor,  
9       the Legislature, and the Board of Governors; deleting  
10      the definition of the term "rate of inflation";  
11      providing an effective date.

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

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

17       1009.24 State university student fees.—

18       (4)

19       (b) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year  
20      thereafter, the resident undergraduate tuition per credit hour  
21      shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate  
22      ~~equal to inflation, unless otherwise~~ provided in the General  
23      Appropriations Act. If the rate is not provided in the General  
24      Appropriations Act ~~The Office of Economic and Demographic~~  
25      ~~Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of~~  
26      ~~the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the~~  
27      ~~Governor, and the Board of Governors each year prior to March 1.~~  
28      ~~For purposes of this paragraph, the rate of inflation shall be~~  
29      ~~defined as the rate of the 12-month percentage change in the~~

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30 ~~Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average,~~  
31 ~~All Items, or successor reports as reported by the United States~~  
32 ~~Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its~~  
33 ~~successor for December of the previous year. In the event the~~  
34 ~~percentage change is negative,~~ the resident undergraduate  
35 tuition shall remain at the same level as the prior fiscal year.  
36       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.