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Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

House Senate

Representative Nuñez offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment) Remove lines 334-490 and insert:

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(11) Once a student has been classified as a resident for tuition purposes, an institution of higher education to which the student transfers is not required to reevaluate the classification unless inconsistent information suggests that an erroneous classification was made or the student's situation has changed. However, the student must have attended the institution making the initial classification within the prior 12 months, and the residency classification must be noted on the student's transcript. The Higher Education Coordinating Council shall consider issues related to residency determinations and make

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recommendations relating to efficiency and effectiveness of current law.

(11) (12) Each institution of higher education shall establish a residency appeal committee comprised of at least three members to consider student appeals of residency determinations, in accordance with the institution's official appeal process. The residency appeal committee must render to the student the final residency determination in writing. The institution must advise the student of the reasons for the determination.

 $\underline{(12)}$ The State Board of Education shall adopt rules, and the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations, rules to implement this section.

Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 1009.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.—
(3)

thereafter, The tuition and the out-of-state fee per contact or credit hour shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act. If the rate is not provided in the General Appropriations Act The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Covernor, and the State Board of Education

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 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, or successor reports as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor for December of the previous year. In the event the percentage change is negative, the tuition and out-of-state fee shall remain at the same level as the prior fiscal year.

Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section 1009.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—
(3)

thereafter, The tuition and the out-of-state fee shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act. If the rate is not provided in the General Appropriations Act The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, and the State Board of Education 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 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, or successor reports as reported by the

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United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor for December of the previous year. In the event the percentage change is negative, the tuition and the out-of-state fee per credit hour shall remain at the same levels as the prior fiscal year.

Section 4. 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.-

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Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year thereafter, The resident undergraduate tuition per credit hour shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act. If the rate is not provided in the General Appropriations Act The Office of Economic and Demographic Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Governor, and the Board of Governors 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 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, or successor reports as reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its successor for December of the previous year. In the event the percentage change is negative, the resident undergraduate

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tuition shall remain at the same level as the prior fiscal year.

- (16) Each university board of trustees may establish a tuition differential for undergraduate courses upon receipt of approval from the Board of Governors. The tuition differential shall promote improvements in the quality of undergraduate education and shall provide financial aid to undergraduate students who exhibit financial need.
- (b) Each tuition differential is subject to the following conditions:
- 1. The tuition differential may be assessed on one or more undergraduate courses or on all undergraduate courses at a state university.
- 2. The tuition differential may vary by course or courses, campus or center location, and by institution. Each university board of trustees shall strive to maintain and increase enrollment in degree programs related to math, science, high technology, and other state or regional high-need fields when establishing tuition differentials by course.
- 3. For each state university that has total research and development expenditures for all fields of at least \$100 million per year as reported annually to the National Science Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition differential may not be increased by more than 6 15 percent of the total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the preceding fiscal year. For each state university that has total research and development expenditures for all fields of less

than \$100 million per year as reported annually to the National Science Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition differential may not be increased by more than 15 percent of the total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the preceding fiscal year.

- 4. The aggregate sum of undergraduate tuition and fees per credit hour, including the tuition differential, may not exceed the national average of undergraduate tuition and fees at 4-year degree-granting public postsecondary educational institutions.
- 5. The tuition differential shall not be included in any award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program established pursuant to ss. 1009.53-1009.538.
- 6. Beneficiaries having prepaid tuition contracts pursuant to s. 1009.98(2)(b) which were in effect on July 1, 2007, and which remain in effect, are exempt from the payment of the tuition differential.
- 7. The tuition differential may not be charged to any student who was in attendance at the university before July 1, 2007, and who maintains continuous enrollment.
- 8. The tuition differential may be waived by the university for students who meet the eligibility requirements for the Florida public student assistance grant established in s. 1009.50.
- 9. Subject to approval by the Board of Governors, the tuition differential authorized pursuant to this subsection may take effect with the 2009 fall term.

Section 5. Section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.-

- (8) A state university, or Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center shall waive tuition for undergraduate tuition college credit programs and career certificate programs for each recipient of a Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedence who:
- (a) Is enrolled as a full-time, part-time, or summerschool student in \underline{a} an undergraduate program that terminates in \underline{an} associate or baccalaureate \underline{a} degree, college credit \underline{or} certificate, or career certificate;
- (b) Is currently, and was at the time of the military action that resulted in the awarding of the Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence, a resident of this state; and
- (c) Submits to the state university, or the Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center the DD-214 form issued at the time of separation from service as documentation that the student has received a Purple Heart or another combat decoration superior in precedence. If the DD-214 is not available, other documentation may be acceptable if recognized by the United States Department of Defense or the

United States Department of Veterans Affairs as documenting the award.

- Such a waiver for a Purple Heart recipient or recipient of another combat decoration superior in precedence shall be applicable for 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student is enrolled.
- institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center shall waive outof-state fees for students, regardless of immigration status, who attend a secondary school in this state for 4 consecutive years immediately before high school graduation, apply for enrollment in an institution of higher education within 24 months after graduation, and submit an official Florida high school transcript as documentary evidence of attendance and graduation.
- (b) Each state university, Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center must report to the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education, respectively, the number and value of all fees waivers granted annually under this subsection.
- (c) Students granted fee waivers under this subsection will be considered non-resident students for purposes of calculating

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the systemwide total enrollment of non-resident students as limited by regulation of the Board of Governors.

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TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove lines 17-34 and insert:

tuition purposes; providing for the adoption of rules and regulations; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; revising provisions relating to workforce education postsecondary tuition and outof-state fees; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; revising provisions relating to Florida College System institution tuition and outof-state fees; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising provisions relating to state university resident undergraduate tuition; revising the annual percentage increase allowed in the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition differential at state universities; amending s. 1009.26, F.S. relating to fee waivers for Purple Heart recipients and students who meet certain attendance, graduation and enrolment requirements;

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