

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to excess credit hour surcharges;
3 amending s. 1009.286, F.S.; providing an exception to
4 the excess credit hour surcharge requirement for
5 certain students who complete baccalaureate degree
6 program requirements within a specified period;
7 providing an exception to the requirement for credits
8 earned in upper-division-level courses in science,
9 technology, engineering, or mathematics under certain
10 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1009.286, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (i) is added to subsection
16 (4) of that section, to read:

17 1009.286 Additional student payment for hours exceeding
18 baccalaureate degree program completion requirements at state
19 universities.—

20 (2) State universities shall require a student to pay an
21 excess hour surcharge for each credit hour in excess of the
22 number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate
23 degree program in which the student is enrolled. The excess hour
24 surcharge does not apply to a first-time-in-college student who
25 completes the requirements for the student's respective

26 | baccalaureate degree program within 4 years. The excess hour
27 | surcharge shall become effective for students who enter a state
28 | university for the first time and maintain continuous enrollment
29 | as follows:

30 | (a) For the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years, an
31 | excess hour surcharge equal to 50 percent of the tuition rate
32 | for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent.

33 | (b) For the 2011-2012 academic year, an excess hour
34 | surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each
35 | credit hour in excess of 115 percent.

36 | (c) For the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, an
37 | excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate
38 | for each credit hour in excess of 110 percent.

39 | (4) For purposes of this section, credit hours earned
40 | under the following circumstances are not calculated as hours
41 | required to earn a baccalaureate degree:

42 | (i) Credit hours earned in upper-division-level courses
43 | that must be repeated to meet the requirements for a
44 | baccalaureate degree in a science, technology, engineering, or
45 | mathematics discipline.

46 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.