

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to state employee higher education fee
 3 waivers; amending s. 1009.265, F.S.; providing that
 4 credit hours eligible for tuition and fee waivers be
 5 determined on a calendar year basis, rather than per
 6 academic term; providing applicability; providing an
 7 effective date.

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

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 11 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1009.265, Florida
 12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13 1009.265 State employee fee waivers.—

14 (1) As a benefit to the employer and employees of the
 15 state, subject to approval by an employee's agency head or the
 16 equivalent, each state university and Florida College System
 17 institution shall waive tuition and fees for state employees to
 18 enroll for up to 18 ~~6~~ credit hours of courses per calendar year
 19 ~~term~~ on a space-available basis.

20 Section 2. The amendment made to s. 1009.265, Florida
 21 Statutes, by this act applies to any academic term beginning on
 22 or after May 1, 2018. If a state employee had tuition and fees
 23 waived pursuant to s. 1009.265, Florida Statutes, for any
 24 courses that he or she was enrolled in for an academic term
 25 beginning on or after January 1, 2018, through April 30, 2018,

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26 | those course credit hours count toward the 18 credit hour
27 | maximum for the 2018 calendar year.

28 | Section 3. This act shall take effect May 1, 2018.