

By Senator Bean

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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; providing a separate excess hour
6 surcharge threshold for students enrolled in certain
7 degree programs designated as areas of strategic
8 emphasis by the Board of Governors; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1009.286, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1009.286 Additional student payment for hours exceeding
16 baccalaureate degree program completion requirements at state
17 universities.—

18 (2) State universities shall require a student to pay an
19 excess hour surcharge for each credit hour in excess of the
20 number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate
21 degree program in which the student is enrolled. The excess hour
22 surcharge does not apply to a first-time-in-college student who
23 completes the requirements of his or her respective
24 baccalaureate degree program within 4 years. The excess hour
25 surcharge shall become effective for students who enter a state
26 university for the first time and maintain continuous enrollment
27 as follows:

28 (a) For the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 academic years, an
29 excess hour surcharge equal to 50 percent of the tuition rate

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30 for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent.

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

34 (c) For the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, an
35 excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate
36 for each credit hour in excess of 110 percent. However, for
37 students enrolled in a degree program designated by the Board of
38 Governors as an area of strategic emphasis in a science,
39 technology, engineering, mathematics, or health discipline there
40 is an excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition
41 rate for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent.

42 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.