

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to excess credit hour surcharges;
3 amending s. 1009.286, F.S.; requiring each state
4 university to calculate an excess hour threshold for
5 each student; requiring such threshold to be adjusted
6 under certain circumstances; prohibiting such
7 threshold from being adjusted under certain
8 circumstances; revising the threshold for assessing
9 the excess credit hour surcharge; providing an
10 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 to read:

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

19 (2) State universities shall require a student to pay an
20 excess hour surcharge for each credit hour in excess of the
21 number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate
22 degree program in which the student is enrolled. Each state
23 university must calculate an excess hour threshold for each
24 student based on the number of credit hours required for the
25 student's degree program. For any student who changes degree

26 | programs, the excess hour threshold must be adjusted if the
27 | number of credit hours required to complete the new degree
28 | program exceeds that of the original degree program. The excess
29 | hour threshold may not be adjusted if the number of credit hours
30 | required to complete the new degree program is less than that of
31 | the original degree program. The excess hour surcharge ~~shall~~
32 | ~~become effective~~ for students who enter a state university for
33 | the first time and maintain continuous enrollment is as follows:

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

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

40 | (c) For the 2012-2013 academic year through the 2019
41 | spring term and thereafter, an excess hour surcharge equal to
42 | 100 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess
43 | of 110 percent. For the 2019 summer term and thereafter, an
44 | excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate
45 | for each credit hour in excess of 120 percent. Notwithstanding
46 | the requirements of this subsection, a state university shall
47 | refund the excess hour surcharge assessed pursuant to this
48 | paragraph for up to 12 credit hours to any first-time-in-college
49 | student who completes a baccalaureate degree program within 4
50 | years after his or her initial enrollment in a state university.

51 | Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.