

By Senator Perry

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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.; requiring a state  
4           university to calculate an excess hour threshold for  
5           each student based on specified criteria; providing  
6           that the excess hour threshold may be adjusted only  
7           under certain circumstances; revising the threshold  
8           for assessing the excess credit hour surcharge;  
9           providing an 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. Each university  
22           must calculate an excess hour threshold for each student based  
23           on the number of credit hours required for the degree. For any  
24           student who changes degree programs, the excess hour threshold  
25           may not be adjusted unless the number of credit hours required  
26           to complete the new degree program exceeds that of the original  
27           degree program. The excess hour surcharge ~~shall become effective~~  
28           for students who enter a state university for the first time and  
29           maintain continuous enrollment is as follows:

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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 through the 2019 spring  
37 term and thereafter, an excess hour surcharge equal to 100  
38 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of  
39 110 percent. For the 2019 summer term and thereafter, an excess  
40 hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each  
41 credit hour in excess of 120 percent. Notwithstanding the  
42 requirements of this subsection, a state university shall refund  
43 the excess hour surcharge assessed pursuant to this paragraph  
44 for up to 12 credit hours to any first-time-in-college student  
45 who completes a baccalaureate degree program within 4 years  
46 after his or her initial enrollment in a state university.

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