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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Burgess) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 963 - 1063

and insert:

College, Polk State College, and Tallahassee Community College  
are authorized to charge an amount not to exceed \$290 per credit  
hour for nonresident tuition and fees for distance learning.

Such institutions may phase in this nonresident tuition rate by  
degree program.

Section 19. Paragraphs (a) through (f) of subsection (10)



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11 of section 1009.98, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
12 1009.98 Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program.—  
13 (10) PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES.—  
14 (a) As used in this subsection, the term:  
15 1. "Actuarial reserve" means the amount by which the  
16 expected value of the assets exceeds the expected value of the  
17 liabilities of the trust fund.  
18 2. "Dormitory fees" means the fees included under advance  
19 payment contracts pursuant to paragraph (2)(d).  
20 3. "Fiscal year" means the fiscal year of the state  
21 pursuant to s. 215.01.  
22 4. "Local fees" means the fees covered by an advance  
23 payment contract provided pursuant to subparagraph (2)(b)2.  
24 5. "Tuition differential" means the fee covered by advance  
25 payment contracts sold pursuant to subparagraph (2)(b)3. ~~The~~  
26 ~~base rate for the tuition differential fee for the 2012-2013~~  
27 ~~fiscal year is established at \$37.03 per credit hour. The base~~  
28 ~~rate for the tuition differential in subsequent years is the~~  
29 ~~amount assessed for the tuition differential for the preceding~~  
30 ~~year adjusted pursuant to subparagraph (b)2.~~  
31 (b) Effective with the 2022-2023 ~~2009-2010~~ academic year  
32 and thereafter, and notwithstanding s. 1009.24, the amount paid  
33 by the board to any state university on behalf of a qualified  
34 beneficiary of an advance payment contract whose contract was  
35 purchased before July 1, 2034 ~~2024~~, shall be:  
36 1. As to registration fees, if the actuarial reserve is  
37 less than 5 percent of the expected liabilities of the trust  
38 fund, the board shall pay the state universities 5.5 percent  
39 above the amount assessed for registration fees in the preceding



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40 fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is between 5 percent and 6  
41 percent of the expected liabilities of the trust fund, the board  
42 shall pay the state universities 6 percent above the amount  
43 assessed for registration fees in the preceding fiscal year. If  
44 the actuarial reserve is between 6 percent and 7.5 percent of  
45 the expected liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay  
46 the state universities 6.5 percent above the amount assessed for  
47 registration fees in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial  
48 reserve is equal to or greater than 7.5 percent of the expected  
49 liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state  
50 universities 7 percent above the amount assessed for  
51 registration fees in the preceding fiscal year, whichever is  
52 greater.

53       2. As to the tuition differential, if the actuarial reserve  
54 is less than 5 percent of the expected liabilities of the trust  
55 fund, the board shall pay the state universities 5.5 percent  
56 above the amount assessed ~~base rate~~ for the tuition differential  
57 fee in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is  
58 between 5 percent and 6 percent of the expected liabilities of  
59 the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 6  
60 percent above the amount assessed ~~base rate~~ for the tuition  
61 differential fee in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial  
62 reserve is between 6 percent and 7.5 percent of the expected  
63 liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state  
64 universities 6.5 percent above the amount assessed ~~base rate~~ for  
65 the tuition differential fee in the preceding fiscal year. If  
66 the actuarial reserve is equal to or greater than 7.5 percent of  
67 the expected liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay  
68 the state universities 7 percent above the amount assessed ~~base~~



69 ~~rate~~ for the tuition differential fee in the preceding fiscal  
70 year.

71 3. As to local fees, the board shall pay the state  
72 universities 5 percent above the amount assessed for local fees  
73 in the preceding fiscal year.

74 4. As to dormitory fees, the board shall pay the state  
75 universities 6 percent above the amount assessed for dormitory  
76 fees in the preceding fiscal year.

77 5. Qualified beneficiaries of advance payment contracts  
78 purchased before July 1, 2007, are exempt from paying any  
79 tuition differential fee.

80 (c) Notwithstanding the amount assessed for registration  
81 fees, the tuition differential, or local fees, the amount paid  
82 by the board to any state university on behalf of a qualified  
83 beneficiary of an advance payment contract purchased before July  
84 1, 2034 ~~July 1, 2024~~, may not exceed 100 percent of the amount  
85 charged by the state university for the aggregate sum of those  
86 fees.

87 (d) Notwithstanding the amount assessed for dormitory fees,  
88 the amount paid by the board to any state university on behalf  
89 of a qualified beneficiary of an advance payment contract  
90 purchased before July 1, 2034 ~~July 1, 2024~~, may not exceed 100  
91 percent of the amount charged by the state university for  
92 dormitory fees.

93 (e) Notwithstanding the number of credit hours used by a  
94 state university to assess the amount for registration fees,  
95 tuition, tuition differential, or local fees, the amount paid by  
96 the board to any state university on behalf of a qualified  
97 beneficiary of an advance payment contract purchased before July



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98 1, 2034 ~~July 1, 2024~~, may not exceed the number of credit hours  
99 taken by that qualified beneficiary at the state university.

100 (f) The board shall pay state universities the actual  
101 amount assessed in accordance with law for registration fees,  
102 the tuition differential, local fees, and dormitory fees for  
103 advance payment contracts purchased on or after July 1, 2034  
104 ~~July 1, 2024~~.

105 Section 20. Subsection (5) is added to section 1012.55,  
106 Florida Statutes, to read:

107 1012.55 Positions for which certificates required.—

108 (5) Notwithstanding ss. 1012.32, 1012.55, and 1012.56, or  
109 any other provision of law or rule to the contrary, the State  
110 Board of Education shall adopt rules to allow for the issuance  
111 of a classical education teaching certificate, upon the request  
112 of a classical school, to any applicant who fulfills the  
113 requirements of s. 1012.56(2)(a)-(f) and (11) and any other  
114 criteria established by the department. Such certificate is only  
115 valid at a classical school. For the purposes of this  
116 subsection, the term "classical school" means a school that  
117 implements and provides professional learning in a classical  
118 education school model that emphasizes the development of  
119 students in the principles of moral character and civic virtue  
120 through a well-rounded education in the liberal arts and  
121 sciences that is based on the classical trivium stages of  
122 grammar, logic, and rhetoric.

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124 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

125 And the title is amended as follows:

126 Delete lines 84 - 91



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127 and insert:  
128       authorizing certain Florida College System  
129       institutions to charge a specified amount for  
130       nonresident tuition and fees for distance learning;  
131       amending s. 1009.98, F.S.; revising the definition of  
132       the term "tuition differential"; revising provisions  
133       relating to payments the Florida Prepaid College Board  
134       must pay to state universities on behalf of  
135       beneficiaries of specified contracts; amending s.  
136       1012.55, F.S.; requiring the state board to adopt  
137       rules for the issuance of a classical education  
138       teaching certificate; providing requirements for such  
139       certificate; defining the term "classical school";  
140       amending s. 1012.79, F.S.;