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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to education; amending ss.
239.117, 239.301, 240.117, F.S.; increasing the
number of times state funding will support a
student enrolled in the same
college-preparatory class within a skill area;
revising certain funding amounts; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 239.117, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

239.117 Postsecondary student fees.--

(7)(a) Each year the State Board of Community Colleges
shall review and evaluate the percentage of the cost of adult
programs and certificate career education programs supported
through student fees. If this review indicates that student
fees generate less than the percentage targeted for the
program, the State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt a
schedule of fee increases by December 31 for the following
fall semester. For students who are residents for tuition
purposes, the schedule so adopted must produce revenues equal
to 25 percent of the prior year's program cost for
college-preparatory and supplemental vocational programs and
50 ~~10~~ percent of the prior year's program cost for student
enrollment in a single course of study not leading to a
certificate or degree ~~certificate career education and~~
~~vocational preparatory programs. The fee schedule for lifelong~~
~~learning programs shall be based on student fees and nonstate~~
~~funds necessary to produce 50 percent of the prior year's cost~~

1 ~~of lifelong learning programs. State funds may not exceed 50~~
2 ~~percent of the prior year's cost of lifelong learning~~
3 ~~programs. The state board may not increase fees more than 10~~
4 ~~percent for students who are residents for tuition purposes.~~
5 ~~Unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act,~~
6 ~~the fee schedule shall take effect and the college shall~~
7 ~~expend student fees on instruction. If the Legislature enacts~~
8 ~~a calculation different than that adopted by the state board,~~
9 ~~the state board shall adopt a fee schedule that generates the~~
10 ~~same revenues as the calculation contained in the General~~
11 ~~Appropriations Act. Each community college board of trustees~~
12 ~~shall establish matriculation, tuition, and noncredit fees~~
13 ~~that may vary no more than 10 percent from the schedule~~
14 ~~approved by the State Board of Education. Fees for students~~
15 ~~who are not residents for tuition purposes must offset the~~
16 ~~full cost of instruction.~~

17 (b) Students enrolled in college-preparatory
18 instruction shall pay fees equal to the fees charged for
19 college credit courses. Students enrolled in the same
20 college-preparatory class within a skill area more than two
21 times ~~one time~~ shall pay fees at 100 percent of the full cost
22 of instruction and shall not be included in calculations of
23 full-time equivalent enrollments for state funding purposes;
24 however, students who withdraw or fail a class due to
25 extenuating circumstances may be granted an exception only
26 once for each class, provided approval is granted according to
27 policy established by the board of trustees. Each community
28 college shall have the authority to review and reduce payment
29 for increased fees due to continued enrollment in a
30 college-preparatory class on an individual basis, contingent
31 upon a student's financial hardship, pursuant to definitions

1 and fee levels established by the State Board of Community
2 Colleges. Fee-nonexempt students enrolled in
3 vocational-preparatory instruction shall be charged fees equal
4 to the fees charged for certificate career education
5 instruction. Each community college that conducts
6 college-preparatory and vocational-preparatory instruction in
7 the same class section may charge a single fee for both types
8 of instruction.

9 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section
10 239.301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 239.301 Adult general education.--

12 (4)

13 (d) Expenditures for college-preparatory and lifelong
14 learning students shall be reported separately. Allocations
15 for college-preparatory courses shall be based on proportional
16 full-time equivalent enrollment. Program review results shall
17 be included in the determination of subsequent allocations. A
18 student shall be funded to enroll in the same
19 college-preparatory class within a skill area only twice ~~once~~,
20 after which time the student shall pay 100 percent of the full
21 cost of instruction to support the continuous enrollment of
22 that student in the same class; however, students who
23 withdraw or fail a class due to extenuating circumstances may
24 be granted an exception only once for each class, provided
25 approval is granted according to policy established by the
26 board of trustees. Each community college shall have the
27 authority to review and reduce payment for increased fees due
28 to continued enrollment in a college-preparatory class on an
29 individual basis contingent upon the student's financial
30 hardship, pursuant to definitions and fee levels established
31 by the State Board of Community Colleges. College-preparatory

1 and lifelong learning courses do not generate credit toward an
2 associate or baccalaureate degree.

3 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
4 240.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

5 240.117 Common placement testing for public
6 postsecondary education.--

7 (4)(a) Community college or state university students
8 who have been identified as requiring additional preparation
9 pursuant to subsection (1) shall enroll in college-preparatory
10 or other adult education pursuant to s. 239.301 in community
11 colleges to develop needed college-entry skills. These
12 students shall be permitted to take courses within their
13 degree program concurrently in other curriculum areas for
14 which they are qualified while enrolled in college-preparatory
15 instruction courses. A student enrolled in a
16 college-preparatory course may concurrently enroll only in
17 college credit courses that do not require the skills
18 addressed in the college-preparatory course. The State Board
19 of Community Colleges shall specify the college credit courses
20 that are acceptable for students enrolled in each
21 college-preparatory skill area, pursuant to s. 240.311(3)(q).
22 A student who wishes to earn an associate in arts or a
23 baccalaureate degree, but who is required to complete a
24 college-preparatory course, must successfully complete the
25 required college-preparatory studies by the time the student
26 has accumulated 12 hours of lower-division college credit
27 degree coursework; however, a student may continue enrollment
28 in degree-earning coursework provided the student maintains
29 enrollment in college-preparatory coursework for each
30 subsequent semester until college-preparatory coursework
31 requirements are completed, and the student demonstrates

1 satisfactory performance in degree-earning coursework. A
2 passing score on a standardized, institutionally developed
3 test must be achieved before a student is considered to have
4 met basic computation and communication skills requirements;
5 however, no student shall be required to retake any test or
6 subtest that was previously passed by that ~~said~~ student. A
7 student shall be funded to enroll in the same
8 college-preparatory class within a skill area only twice ~~once~~,
9 after which time the student shall pay 100 percent of the full
10 cost of instruction to support continuous enrollment of that
11 student in the same class and such student shall not be
12 included in calculations of full-time equivalent enrollments
13 for state funding purposes; however, students who withdraw or
14 fail a class due to extenuating circumstances may be granted
15 an exception only once for each class, provided approval is
16 granted according to policy established by the board of
17 trustees. Each community college shall have the authority to
18 review and reduce fees paid by students due to continued
19 enrollment in a college-preparatory class on an individual
20 basis contingent upon the student's financial hardship,
21 pursuant to definitions and fee levels established by the
22 State Board of Community Colleges. Credit awarded for
23 college-preparatory instruction may not be counted towards
24 fulfilling the number of credits required for a degree.

25 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
26 law.

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29 SENATE SUMMARY

30 Increases to two the number of times a student will be
31 funded to enroll in the same college-preparatory course
within a skill area.