

By Senator Alexander

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state university student  
3           athletic fees; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.;  
4           authorizing a fee increase to defray the costs  
5           of changing competitive divisions; providing  
6           that the increase may exceed the limit on fee  
7           increases; limiting such an increase to not  
8           more than \$2 per credit hour; requiring that  
9           such an increase be approved by the athletic  
10          fee committee; providing an 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 (3) of section 1009.24, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           1009.24 State university student fees.--

17           (3) Within proviso in the General Appropriations Act  
18 and law, each board of trustees shall set university tuition  
19 and fees. The sum of the activity and service, health, and  
20 athletic fees a student is required to pay to register for a  
21 course shall not exceed 40 percent of the tuition established  
22 in law or in the General Appropriations Act. No university  
23 shall be required to lower any fee in effect on the effective  
24 date of this act in order to comply with this subsection.  
25 Within the 40 percent cap, universities may not increase the  
26 aggregate sum of activity and service, health, and athletic  
27 fees more than 5 percent per year unless specifically  
28 authorized in law or in the General Appropriations Act. A  
29 university that changes athletic competitive divisions may  
30 increase the athletic fee to defray the costs associated with  
31 changing divisions. Such an increase in the athletic fee is

1 exempt from the 40-percent cap and the 5-percent cap on yearly  
2 increases in the sum of the activity and service, health, and  
3 athletic fees, but may not exceed \$2 per credit hour of  
4 registered classes. Such an increase must be approved by the  
5 athletic fee committee as provided in subsection (11).This  
6 subsection does not prohibit a university from increasing or  
7 assessing optional fees related to specific activities if  
8 payment of such fees is not required as a part of registration  
9 for courses.

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

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14 SENATE SUMMARY

15 Authorizes an increase in university student athletic  
16 fees to defray the cost of changing competitive  
17 divisions. Allows the increase to exceed the current  
18 percentage caps. Limits the increase to not more than \$2  
19 per credit hour. Requires athletic fee committee to  
20 approve the increase.  
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