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11   The Committee on Higher Education (Constantine) recommended

12   the following amendment:

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14   **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

15   Delete everything after the enacting clause

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17   and insert:

18   Section 1. Section 1009.286, Florida Statutes, is

19   created to read:

20   1009.286 Additional payment for credit hours exceeding

21   graduation requirements.--

22   (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage

23   each undergraduate student in postsecondary education to

24   complete the student's respective degree program in the most

25   efficient way possible and, at the same time, provide access

26   to additional college coursework. The Legislature therefore

27   intends to enact a policy requiring a student to pay 50

28   percent more than the in-state tuition rate for any credit

29   hour that the student takes in excess of 120 percent of the

30   number of credit hours required to complete the degree program

31   in which he or she is enrolled.

1   (2) Beginning with the fall 2007 semester:

2   (a) Each community college board of trustees may

3   require a student who is enrolled for the first time in the

4   community college to pay 50 percent more than the in-state

5   tuition rate for credit hours that the student takes in excess

6   of 120 percent of the credit hours required to complete an

7   associate degree, except that a community college student who

8   has earned an associate degree may not be required to pay the

9   full cost for a maximum of 24 hours credit hours taken while

10   enrolled at a community college which apply to his or her

11   baccalaureate degree.

12   (b) An undergraduate student who is enrolled for the

13   first time in a university that is part of the State

14   University System must pay 50 percent more than the in-state

15   tuition rate for credit hours that the student takes in excess

16   of 120 percent of the credit hours required to complete the

17   degree program in which he or she is enrolled regardless of

18   whether those hours were taken while enrolled at a community

19   college, a state university, or any private postsecondary

20   institution if the student received state funds while enrolled

21   at the private postsecondary institution.

22   (c) An undergraduate student who is enrolled for the

23   first time in a baccalaureate degree program at a community

24   college must pay 50 percent more than the in-state tuition

25   rate for credit hours that the student takes in excess of 120

26   percent of the number of credit hours required to complete the

27   degree program in which he or she is enrolled, regardless of

28   whether those hours were taken while enrolled at a community

29   college, a state university, or any private postsecondary

30   institution if the student received state funds while enrolled

31   at the private postsecondary institution.

1   (3) Credit hours earned under the following

2   circumstances are not counted as hours required to complete a

3   degree for the purposes of this section:

4   (a) College credits earned through an accelerated

5   mechanism identified in s. 1007.27;

6   (b) Credit hours earned through internship programs;

7   (c) Credit hours required for certification,

8   recertification, or certificate degrees;

9   (d) Credit hours in courses from which a student must

10 withdraw due to a medical or personal hardship;

11   (e) Credit hours taken by active-duty military

12 personnel;

13   (f) Credit hours required to achieve a dual major

14 undertaken while pursuing a degree;

15   (g) Credit hours in remedial courses and English as a

16 Second Language; or

17   (h) Credit hours earned in military science courses

18 (ROTC).

19   (4) Each postsecondary institution shall implement a

20 process for notifying students regarding the requirements of

21 this section. The notice must be provided at the time of the

22 student's initial enrollment in the institution and again upon

23 the student's having earned the credit hours required to

24 complete the degree program in which he or she is enrolled.

25 The notice must include a recommendation that each student who

26 intends to earn credit hours at the institution beyond those

27 required for his or her enrolled degree program meet with his

28 or her academic advisor.

29   Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and

30 Government Accountability shall conduct a review of students

31 taking credit hours in excess of 120 percent of the number of

1 credit hours required to complete degree programs in state

2 community colleges. The review shall determine the number and

3 percentage of community college students who take credit hours

4 in excess of 120 percent of graduation requirements and the

5 amount and percentage of credit hours that students take above

6 the 120 percent standard. The office shall provide three

7 annual reports, each of which shall compare data from the last

8 5 years beginning with the most recent year for which data is

9 available in order to determine whether students have begun

10 taking fewer excess hours. The office shall report its

11 findings by January 31, 2008, January 31, 2009, and January

12 31, 2010, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and

13 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

14   Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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18 And the title is amended as follows:

19   Delete everything before the enacting clause

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21 and insert:

22   A bill to be entitled

23   An act relating to tuition rates at state

24   colleges and universities; creating s.1009.286,

25   F.S.; providing legislative intent; requiring

26   students to pay 50 percent more than the actual

27   cost per credit hour for credit hours in excess

28   of a specified number for community college

29   credits and for overall credits applied to a

30   baccalaureate degree; excluding certain credit

31   hours from the calculation of hours required to

1   complete a degree; providing for notification

2   of students by the postsecondary institution;

3   requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis

4   and Government Accountability to provide a

5   report to the Governor and Legislature;

6   providing an effective date.

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