By the Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Lawson

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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to postsecondary student fees; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; authorizing state 3 universities to charge a technology fee under 4 5 certain circumstances; providing certain 6 procedures for establishing and implementing 7 such fee; requiring a referendum and a vote 8 before university boards of trustees may consider establishing such a fee; providing 9 10 requirements concerning the referendum; specifying fee limits; providing for alteration 11 12 of an established fee by university boards of 13 trustees after approval of a technology fee committee, the university president, and the 14 president of the student government of the 15 university; providing for membership of and 16 17 appointment to the committee; specifying limits concerning fee changes; providing that the fee 18 may not be included in certain awards; 19 providing requirements for the expenditure of 20 21 funds received from the fee; providing that any 22 funds unexpended at the end of a fiscal year 23 remain available for expenditure during the next fiscal year; providing an effective date. 24 25 26 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 27 2.8 Section 1. Subsections (12), (13), and (14) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections 29 (13), (14), and (15), respectively, and a new subsection (12) 30 is added to that section, to read:

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CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1	1009.24 State university student fees
2	(12)(a) Each university board of trustees may
3	establish a technology fee to be paid by all students if the
4	fee is supported by the student body of each university
5	wishing to establish the fee. Student support for establishing
6	the fee shall be determined by a referendum of the student
7	body conducted by the student government association upon a
8	request for such a referendum from the president of the
9	university. A university's board of trustees may not consider
10	establishment of the fee before a majority of the students
11	participating in the referendum vote for establishing a
12	technology fee. The referendum must include the proposed
13	amount of the fee and an explanation of what technologies will
14	be put into place or enhanced as a result of the fee being
15	established. Any subsequent change in the technology fee shall
16	be recommended by a technology fee committee, at least
17	one-half of whom must be students appointed by the student
18	body president. The remainder of the committee shall be
19	appointed by the university president. A chairperson,
20	appointed jointly by the university president and the student
21	body president, shall vote only in the case of a tie. The
22	committee's recommendation must be approved jointly by the
23	university president and the student body president before
24	being considered by the university board of trustees for final
25	approval.
26	(b) A fee established under this section may not
27	exceed \$10 per credit hour in the first year of
28	implementation. In subsequent years, any increase in the fee
29	established under this section may not exceed 8 percent per
30	year unless otherwise specifically authorized by law or in the
31	General Appropriations Act. A change in the technology fee may

1	occur only once each fiscal year and must be implemented
2	beginning with the fall term. Notwithstanding ss. 1009.53 and
3	1009.531, the technology fee may not be included in any award
4	under such sections.
5	(c) The technology fee shall be expended for
6	establishing or improving the use of technology that benefits
7	the students directly and may not be expended on technology
8	resources that are not intended for general student use. The
9	university board of trustees may not establish a technology
10	fee under this section unless a majority of students voting in
11	the referendum votes to establish the fee. The amount charged
12	for the fee and expenditure of the funds received from the fee
13	must be in accordance with the referendum. Funds received from
14	the fee which are unexpended at the end of a fiscal year shall
15	be carried over and remain available for technology
16	expenditures consistent with this paragraph during the next
17	fiscal year.
18	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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20	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
21	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>Senate Bill 850</u>
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23	The committee substitute provides that a university board of
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