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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to state universities; amending s.
3 1009.24, F.S.; authorizing university boards of
4 trustees to increase the Capital Improvement Trust
5 Fund fee subject to certain restrictions; amending s.
6 1013.64, F.S.; increasing the monetary threshold for
7 the utilization of funds for the replacement of minor
8 facility projects; amending s. 1013.78, F.S.;
9 conforming provisions; amending s. 1013.79, F.S.;
10 revising provisions relating to the matching and
11 expenditure of funds under a university facility
12 challenge grant program; providing an effective date.
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14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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16 Section 1. Subsection (8) of section 1009.24, Florida
17 Statutes, is amended to read:

18 1009.24 State university student fees.—

19 (8) The Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee is established
20 as \$2.44 per credit hour per semester. The building fee is
21 established as \$2.32 per credit hour per semester. Each
22 university board of trustees may establish a greater Capital
23 Improvement Trust Fund fee. However, the total of all Capital
24 Improvement Trust Fund and building fees may not exceed 10
25 percent of tuition for resident students or 10 percent of the
26 sum of tuition and out-of-state fees for nonresident students.
27 The Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee for resident students
28 shall be limited to an increase of no more than \$2 per credit
29 hour over the prior year.

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30 Section 2. Paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of section
31 1013.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

32 1013.64 Funds for comprehensive educational plant needs;
33 construction cost maximums for school district capital
34 projects.—Allocations from the Public Education Capital Outlay
35 and Debt Service Trust Fund to the various boards for capital
36 outlay projects shall be determined as follows:

37 (1)

38 (h) University boards of trustees may utilize funds
39 appropriated pursuant to this section for replacement of minor
40 facilities provided that such projects do not exceed \$2 ~~\$1~~
41 million in cost or 10,000 gross square feet in size. Minor
42 facilities may not be replaced from funds provided pursuant to
43 this section unless the board determines that the cost of repair
44 or renovation is greater than or equal to the cost of
45 replacement.

46 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 1013.78, Florida
47 Statutes, is amended to read:

48 1013.78 Approval required for certain university-related
49 facility acquisitions.—

50 (2) Legislative approval shall not be required for
51 renovations, remodeling, replacement of existing facilities, or
52 construction of minor facilities ~~projects~~ as defined in s.
53 1013.64, except to the extent required pursuant to s. 1010.62.

54 Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 1013.79, Florida
55 Statutes, is amended to read:

56 1013.79 University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant
57 Program.—

58 (5) A project may not be initiated unless all private funds

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59 for planning, construction, and equipping the facility have been
60 received and deposited in the separate university program
61 account designated for this purpose. However, these requirements
62 shall not preclude the university from expending funds from
63 private sources to develop a prospectus, including preliminary
64 architectural schematics or models, for use in its efforts to
65 raise private funds for a facility. Private funds expended for
66 planning, construction, and equipping the facility are eligible
67 for state matching funds but do not create a financial
68 obligation of the state and the state's share for the minimum
69 amount of funds needed to begin the project has been
70 appropriated by the Legislature. The Board of Governors shall
71 establish a method for validating the receipt and deposit of
72 private matching funds. The Legislature may appropriate the
73 state's matching funds in one or more fiscal years for the
74 planning, construction, and equipping of an eligible facility.
75 ~~However, these requirements shall not preclude the university~~
76 ~~from expending available funds from private sources to develop a~~
77 ~~prospectus, including preliminary architectural schematics or~~
78 ~~models, for use in its efforts to raise private funds for a~~
79 ~~facility. Additionally, any private sources of funds expended~~
80 ~~for this purpose are eligible for state matching funds should~~
81 ~~the project materialize as provided for in this section.~~

82 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.