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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to state employee higher education fee waivers; amending s. 1009.265, F.S.; providing that credit hours eligible for tuition and fee waivers be determined on a calendar year basis, rather than per academic term; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1009.265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.265 State employee fee waivers.-

(1) As a benefit to the employer and employees of the state, subject to approval by an employee's agency head or the equivalent, each state university and Florida College System institution shall waive tuition and fees for state employees to enroll for up to $\underline{18}$ 6 credit hours of courses per calendar year term on a space-available basis.

Statutes, by this act applies to any academic term beginning on or after May 1, 2018. If a state employee had tuition and fees waived pursuant to s. 1009.265, Florida Statutes, for any courses that he or she was enrolled in for an academic term beginning on or after January 1, 2018, through April 30, 2018, those course credit hours count toward the 18 credit hour maximum for the 2018 calendar year.

Section 3. This act shall take effect May 1, 2018.