

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Bean

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to excess credit hour surcharges;  
3           amending s. 1009.286, F.S.; requiring a state  
4           university to return up to a specified amount of  
5           assessed excess credit hour surcharges to first-time-  
6           in-college students who meet certain requirements;  
7           providing an effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
12   1009.286, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13           1009.286 Additional student payment for hours exceeding  
14   baccalaureate degree program completion requirements at state  
15   universities.—

16           (2) State universities shall require a student to pay an  
17   excess hour surcharge for each credit hour in excess of the  
18   number of credit hours required to complete the baccalaureate  
19   degree program in which the student is enrolled. The excess hour  
20   surcharge shall become effective for students who enter a state  
21   university for the first time and maintain continuous enrollment  
22   as follows:

23           (c) For the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, an  
24   excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate  
25   for each credit hour in excess of 110 percent. Notwithstanding  
26   the requirements of this subsection, the state university shall  
27   refund the excess hour surcharge assessed pursuant to this  
28   paragraph, for up to 12 credit hours, to any first-time-in-  
29   college student who completes a baccalaureate degree program

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30 within 4 years after initial enrollment in a state university.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.