

Florida Department of Education

Bill Number: Senate Bill 1774

Bill Title: Postsecondary Education

Bill Sponsor: Senator Lynn

Effective Date: July 1, 2008

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Executive Summary:

The bill amends s. 1009.22, F.S., Workforce education postsecondary student fees, to amend the workforce development fee tuition and fee policies for community colleges and school district workforce education by:

- Defining the out-of-state fee for nonresidents enrolled in workforce education programs. This fee must be three times the standard tuition per contact hour. As with tuition, districts may vary 5 percent above or below the combined sum of the standard tuition and out of state fee.
- Including technical wording changes to: standard resident tuition is now referred to as tuition.
- Defining tuition and out-of-state- fees.

The bill amends s. 1009.22, Workforce education postsecondary student fees, effective July 1, 2009 and applicable beginning with the fall term of 2009-2010 academic year to:

- Authorize an optional technology fee for workforce development programs offered by community colleges and school districts not to exceed 5 percent of tuition and out-of-state fee.
- Specify that the revenues generated from this fee be used to enhance instructional technology resources for students and faculty.
- Specify that the fee may not be included in any award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program.

The bill amends s. 1009.23, F.S., Community College student fees for advanced and professional, postsecondary vocational, college preparatory, and educator preparation institute programs by:

- Providing the per credit hour tuition and technology fee to be \$51.35.
- Stating no community college shall be required to lower any activity and service fee approved by the board of trustees of the community college and in effect prior to October 26, 2007.
- Authorizing an increase in the amount of fees collected for financial aid purposes.

The bill amends s. 1009.23, F.S., Community College student fees beginning July 1, 2009, and applicable for the fall term of the 2009-2010 academic year to:

- Remove the reference to the sum of standard tuition and technology fee and replaces it with standard tuition.
- Authorize an optional technology fee for community colleges not to exceed 5 percent of tuition and out-of-state fee.

- Specify that the revenues generated from this fee be used to enhance instructional technology resources for students and faculty.
- Specify that the fee may not be included in any award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program.

The bill amends s. 1011.52, F.S., Appropriation to first accredited medical school to:

- Require the first accredited medical school to enter into an annual operating agreement with a government-owned hospital meeting specified criteria;
- Require submission of documentation of the agreement to the Department of Education prior to payment from an annual appropriation; providing effective dates.

General Implementation Timeline:

July 1, 2008 The act will become effective.

Fall term 2009-2010 The effective date for this new fee.