

By the Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Oelrich

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to student fees; amending ss. 1009.22
3 and 1009.23, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Trustees
4 of Santa Fe College to establish a transportation
5 access fee for students enrolled at Santa Fe College,
6 including students enrolled in workforce education
7 programs; requiring that revenue from the fee be used
8 only to provide or improve access to transportation
9 services; limiting the amount of the fee; providing a
10 timeframe for a fee increase and implementation of an
11 increase; requiring that a referendum be held by the
12 student government to approve the application of the
13 fee; prohibiting the inclusion of the fee in
14 calculating the amount a student receives under
15 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards;
16 providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Present subsection (12) of section 1009.22,
21 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (13), and a new
22 subsection (12) is added to that section, to read:

23 1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.—
24 (12) (a) The Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College may
25 establish a transportation access fee. Revenue from the fee may
26 be used only to provide or improve access to transportation
27 services for students enrolled at Santa Fe College. The fee may
28 not exceed \$6 per credit hour. An increase in the transportation
29 access fee may occur only once each fiscal year and must be

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30 implemented beginning with the fall term. A referendum must be
31 held by the student government to approve the application of the
32 fee.

33 (b) Notwithstanding ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536,
34 the transportation access fee authorized under paragraph (a) may
35 not be included in calculating the amount a student receives for
36 a Florida Academic Scholars award, a Florida Medallion Scholars
37 award, or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.

38 Section 2. Present subsection (17) of section 1009.23,
39 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (18), and a new
40 subsection (17) is added to that section to read:

41 1009.23 Community college student fees.—

42 (17) (a) The Board of Trustees of Santa Fe College may
43 establish a transportation access fee. Revenue from the fee may
44 be used only to provide or improve access to transportation
45 services for students enrolled at Santa Fe College. The fee may
46 not exceed \$6 per credit hour. An increase in the transportation
47 access fee may occur only once each fiscal year and must be
48 implemented beginning with the fall term. A referendum must be
49 held by the student government to approve the application of the
50 fee.

51 (b) Notwithstanding ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536,
52 the transportation access fee authorized under paragraph (a) may
53 not be included in calculating the amount a student receives for
54 a Florida Academic Scholars award, a Florida Medallion Scholars
55 award, or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.