

CHAPTER 2018-132

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 565

An act relating to excess credit hour surcharges; amending s. 1009.286, F.S.; requiring a state university to return a specified amount of assessed excess credit hour surcharges to first-time-in-college students who meet certain requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

(c) For the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter, an excess hour surcharge equal to 100 percent of the tuition rate for each credit hour in excess of 110 percent. Notwithstanding the requirements of this subsection, a state university shall refund the excess hour surcharge assessed pursuant to this paragraph for up to 12 credit hours to any first-time-in-college student who completes a baccalaureate degree program within 4 years after his or her initial enrollment in a state university.

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

Approved by the Governor March 30, 2018.

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