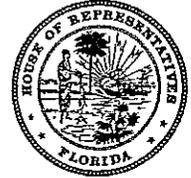




THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



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October 12, 2007

The Honorable Ken Pruitt
President of the Senate

The Honorable Marco Rubio
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 8-C, same being:

An act relating to tuition fees for higher education; amending s. 1009.22, F.S., relating to postsecondary student fees for workforce education; deleting provisions requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a fee schedule; providing standard resident tuition for the career certificate, applied technology diploma, and adult general education courses; authorizing district school boards and community college boards to adopt tuition within a specified range; limiting the amount of the increase during the 2007-2008 fiscal year; proving an appropriation and requiring the Department of Education to allocate such funds; amending s. 1009.23, F.S., relating to community college student tuition and fees; providing standard resident and nonresident tuition and fees for community college programs; deleting provisions requiring the State Board of Education to adopt the fee schedule in the absence of a provisions in an appropriations act; providing an appropriation and requiring the Department of Education to allocate such funds; amending s. 1009.24, F.S., undergraduate tuition; providing for imposition of a technology fee beginning with the 2009-2010 fall term; providing for the use of fee revenues; providing an appropriation and requiring the Board of Governors to allocate the funds; providing an effective date.

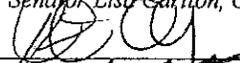
having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from House Amendment 658905 to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 8-C, and
2. That the Senate and the House of Representatives adopt Conference Committee Amendment 091490 to Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 8-C, attached hereto and by reference made a part of this report.

Managers on the part of the Senate



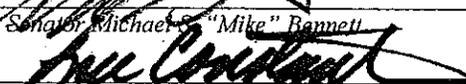
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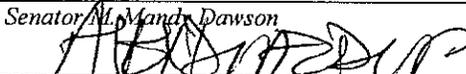
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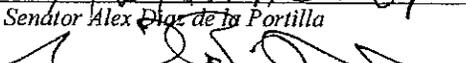
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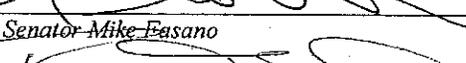
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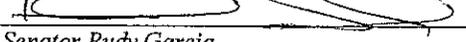
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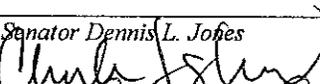
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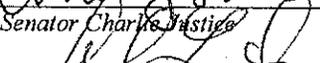
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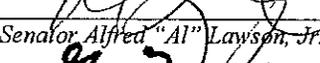
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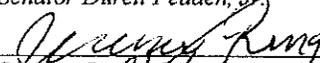
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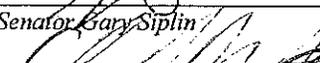
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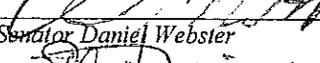
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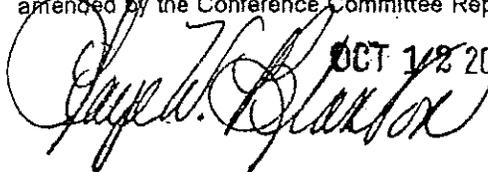
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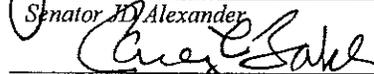
The Senate accepted the Conference Committee Report as an entirety and passed the bill as amended by the Conference Committee Report

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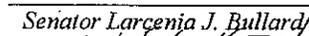




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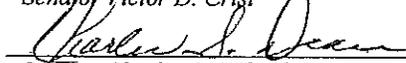
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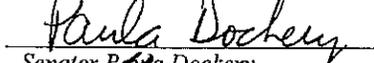
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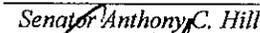
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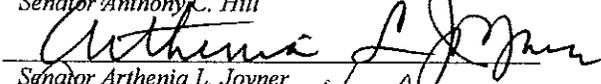
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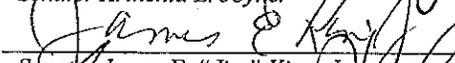
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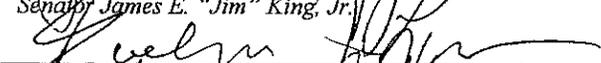
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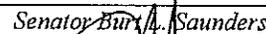


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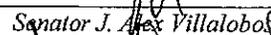


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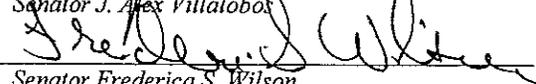
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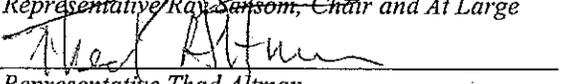


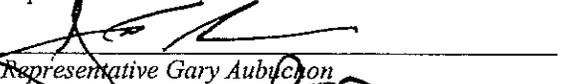
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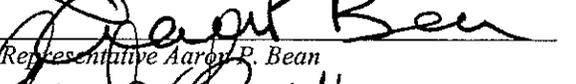
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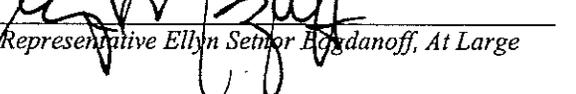
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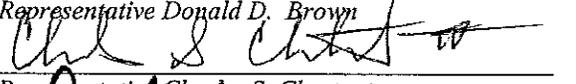

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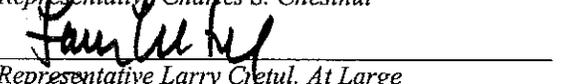

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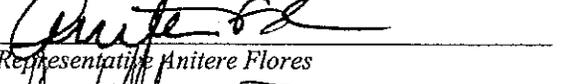

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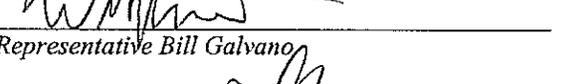
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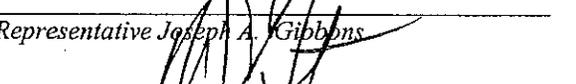

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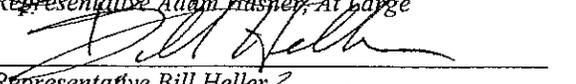

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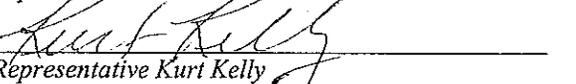

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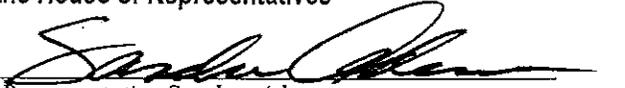

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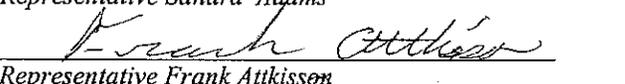

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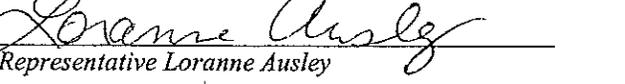

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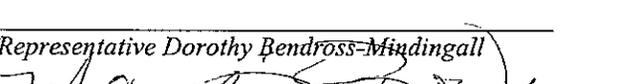
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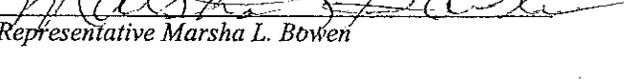

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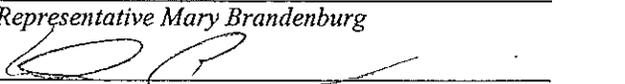

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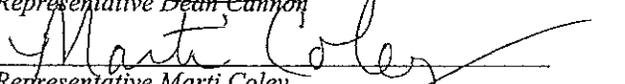

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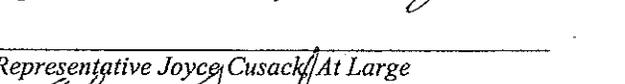

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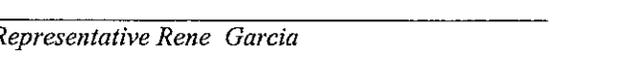

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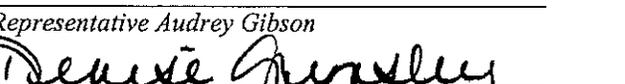
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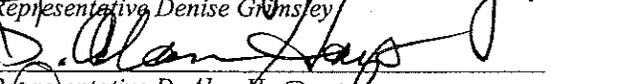
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The Conference Committee Amendment for CS/SB 8-C relating to tuition and fees for Higher Education:

- The bill establishes a resident student tuition, effective January 1, 2008 for each of the following programs: workforce development education, advanced and professional education, associate in science degree, college preparatory programs, baccalaureate programs in community colleges, and lower level and upper level coursework in state universities.
- The tuition rates are 5 percent over the rates charged during the 2006-07 school year. Beginning with FY 2008-09, tuition will be indexed to the rate of inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index, unless otherwise provided in the General Appropriations Act.
- The bill also requires each institution to develop plans to use a portion of the January 1 tuition increases for additional need-based financial aid.
- The bill provides nonrecurring appropriations from the General Revenue Fund to make up for tuition revenue decreases from the fall term due to the executive veto of a 5 percent tuition increase. These funds will be distributed to school districts, community colleges and state universities based on their respective share of student revenues.
- Beginning with the 2009-2010 fall term, each university board of trustees is authorized to establish a technology fee of up to 5 percent of the per credit hour tuition to support instructional technology for students and faculty. This fee will not be included in any award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.