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## CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>

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Representative(s) Zapata offered the following:

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## Amendment to Amendment (721583) (with title amendment)

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Between line(s) 463 and 464 insert:

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Section 11. Subsection (11) of section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (12) and a new subsection (11) is added to said section to read:

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1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition purposes: exemption. -- Students shall be classified as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in community colleges and state universities.

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(11) A student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of 8 U.S.C. s. 1101(a)(15), who meets all of the following requirements may apply for an exemption from paying

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nonresident tuition at community colleges and state
universities:

- (a) The student has resided in Florida with a parent, as defined in paragraph (1)(f), for at least 3 consecutive years immediately preceding the date the student received a high school diploma or its equivalent and has attended a Florida high school for at least 3 consecutive school years during such time.
- (b) The student has registered and enrolled in a community college or a state university. The student may apply for a term deferral of any out-of-state fee assessed by the institution until eligibility for the exemption is determined.
- (c) The student has provided the community college or state university an affidavit stating that the student will file an application to become a permanent resident of the United States at the earliest opportunity he or she is eligible to do so.
- (d) The student has submitted an application for the exemption to the community college or state university in the manner prescribed by the Department of Education.

The exemption authorized pursuant to this subsection shall be limited to the top 2,000 students in academic performance in Florida high schools who register and enroll at a community college or state university under the exemption. The Department of Education shall administer the exemption program and shall develop an application form and guidelines for student participation. The community college or state university shall

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enter all application criteria submitted by the student into the department's online database, in the manner and timeframe prescribed by the department, for final determination by the department of the student's eligibility to receive the exemption.

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Remove line(s) 527 and 528 and insert:

computed into the survey of need for facilities; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; providing eligibility criteria for certain students who are not permanent residents of the United States for exemption from payment of nonresident tuition; limiting enrollment; requiring the Department of Education to administer the exemption program; providing an effective date.