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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to student fees; amending ss.
239.117, 240.235, 240.35, F.S.; providing a fee
exemption for certain postsecondary students;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
239.117, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

239.117 Postsecondary student fees.--

(4) The following students are exempt from the payment
of registration, matriculation, and laboratory fees:

(c) A student for whom the state is paying a foster
care board payment pursuant to s. 409.145(3) or pursuant to
parts III and V of chapter 39, for whom the permanency
planning goal pursuant to part V of chapter 39 is long-term
foster care or independent living, or who is adopted from the
Department of Children and Family Services after May 5
~~December 31~~, 1997. Such exemption includes fees associated
with enrollment in college-preparatory instruction and
completion of the college-level communication and computation
skills testing program. Such exemption shall be available to
any student adopted from the Department of Children and Family
Services after May 5 ~~December 31~~, 1997; however, the exemption
shall be valid for no more than 4 years after the date of
graduation from high school.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section
240.235, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

240.235 Fees.--

1 (5)(a) Any student for whom the state is paying a
2 foster care board payment pursuant to s. 409.145(3) or parts
3 III and V of chapter 39, for whom the permanency planning goal
4 pursuant to part V of chapter 39 is long-term foster care or
5 independent living, or who is adopted from the Department of
6 Children and Family Services after May 5 ~~December 31~~, 1997,
7 shall be exempt from the payment of all undergraduate fees,
8 including fees associated with enrollment in
9 college-preparatory instruction or completion of college-level
10 communication and computation skills testing programs. Before
11 a fee exemption can be given, the student shall have applied
12 for and been denied financial aid, pursuant to s. 240.404,
13 which would have provided, at a minimum, payment of all
14 undergraduate fees. Such exemption shall be available to any
15 student adopted from the Department of Children and Family
16 Services after May 5 ~~December 31~~, 1997; however, the exemption
17 shall be valid for no more than 4 years after the date of
18 graduation from high school.

19 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
20 240.35, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 240.35 Student fees.--Unless otherwise provided, the
22 provisions of this section apply only to fees charged for
23 college credit instruction leading to an associate degree,
24 including college-preparatory courses defined in s. 239.105.

25 (2)(a) Any student for whom the state is paying a
26 foster care board payment pursuant to s. 409.145(3) or parts
27 III and V of chapter 39, for whom the permanency planning goal
28 pursuant to part V of chapter 39 is long-term foster care or
29 independent living, or who is adopted from the Department of
30 Children and Family Services after May 5 ~~December 31~~, 1997,
31 shall be exempt from the payment of all undergraduate fees,

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2 college-preparatory instruction or completion of the
3 college-level communication and computation skills testing
4 program. Before a fee exemption can be given, the student
5 shall have applied for and been denied financial aid, pursuant
6 to s. 240.404, which would have provided, at a minimum,
7 payment of all student fees. Such exemption shall be available
8 to any student adopted from the Department of Children and
9 Family Services after May 5 ~~December 31~~, 1997; however, the
10 exemption shall be valid for no more than 4 years after the
11 date of graduation from high school.

12 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
13 law.

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15 SENATE SUMMARY

16 Exempts from the payment of fees, students enrolled in
17 workforce development programs, state universities, and
18 community colleges who were adopted from the Department
19 of Children and Family Services after May 5, 1997.
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