

By Representative Murman

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to postsecondary student fees;  
3           amending ss. 239.117, 240.235, and 240.35,  
4           F.S.; providing an exemption from the payment  
5           of fees for students who are adopted from the  
6           Department of Children and Family Services;  
7           providing restrictions; providing an effective  
8           date.

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

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12           Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
13   239.117, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to  
14   read:

15           239.117 Postsecondary student fees.--

16           (2) The following students are exempt from any  
17   requirement for the payment of registration, matriculation,  
18   and laboratory fees for instruction:

19           (e) A student for whom the state is paying a foster  
20   care board payment pursuant to s. 409.145(3) or pursuant to  
21   parts III and V of chapter 39, for whom the permanency  
22   planning goal pursuant to part V of chapter 39, is long-term  
23   foster care or independent living, or who is adopted from the  
24   Department of Children and Family Services after December 31,  
25   1997. Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment  
26   in college-preparatory instruction and completion of the  
27   college-level communication and computation skills testing  
28   program. A student adopted from the Department of Children  
29   and Family Services must apply for the fee exemption not more  
30   than 4 years after the date of high school graduation.

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

3           240.235 Fees.--

4           (5)(a) Any student for whom the state is paying a  
5 foster care board payment pursuant to s. 409.145(3) or parts  
6 III and V of chapter 39, for whom the permanency planning goal  
7 pursuant to part V of chapter 39 is long-term foster care or  
8 independent living, or who is adopted from the Department of  
9 Children and Family Services after December 31, 1997, shall be  
10 exempt from the payment of all undergraduate fees, including  
11 fees associated with enrollment in college-preparatory  
12 instruction or completion of college-level communication and  
13 computation skills testing programs. A student adopted from  
14 the Department of Children and Family Services must apply for  
15 the fee exemption not more than 4 years after the date of high  
16 school graduation. Before a fee exemption can be given, the  
17 student shall have applied for and been denied financial aid,  
18 pursuant to s. 240.404, which would have provided, at a  
19 minimum, payment of all undergraduate fees.

20           Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
21 240.35, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

22           240.35 Student fees.--Unless otherwise provided, the  
23 provisions of this section apply only to fees charged for  
24 college credit instruction.

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 December 31, 1997, is  
31 exempt from the payment of all undergraduate fees, including

1 fees associated with enrollment in college-preparatory  
2 instruction or completion of the college-level communication  
3 and computation skills testing program. A student adopted  
4 from the Department of Children and Family Services must apply  
5 for the fee exemption not more than 4 years after the date of  
6 high school graduation. Before a fee exemption can be given,  
7 the student shall have applied for and been denied financial  
8 aid, pursuant to s. 240.404, which would have provided, at a  
9 minimum, payment of all student fees.

10 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.

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12 HOUSE SUMMARY

13 Provides an exemption from payment of specified  
14 postsecondary education fees for students who are adopted  
15 from the Department of Children and Family Services if  
16 they apply for such exemption not more than 4 years after  
17 high school graduation.