

By Representative Peadar

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to postsecondary education;  
3           creating s. 240.4044, F.S.; creating the  
4           Florida Working Persons Scholarship Program;  
5           providing for administration, rules,  
6           eligibility, and amount of awards; providing an  
7           effective date.

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

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11           Section 1. Section 240.4044, Florida Statutes, is  
12   created to read:

13           240.4044 Florida Working Persons Scholarship  
14   Program.--

15           (1) There is hereby created the Florida Working  
16   Persons Scholarship Program to be administered by the  
17   Department of Education in accordance with rules of the State  
18   Board of Education. The purpose of the program is to enable  
19   persons who are employed to pursue postsecondary education.

20           (2) Eligibility requirements for receipt of a  
21   scholarship include the following:

22           (a) The student meets the general requirements for  
23   student eligibility for state financial aid pursuant to s.  
24   240.404, except as otherwise provided in this section.

25           (b) The student has been employed for the 2 years  
26   prior to application and submits proof from the employer or  
27   employers of such employment.

28           (c) The student is employed a minimum of 20 hours per  
29   week and is enrolled in a minimum of 2 semesters each year, or  
30   its equivalent.

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1       (3) To be eligible for a renewal scholarship, a  
2 student must meet the requirements of paragraph (2)(c) and  
3 maintain the equivalent of a grade point average of 2.0 on a  
4 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education work attempted.

5       (4) Scholarships shall be awarded annually in an  
6 amount determined by the Department of Education and as funded  
7 in the General Appropriations Act.

8       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1 of the  
9 year in which enacted.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Creates the Florida Working Persons Scholarship Program to enable persons who are employed to pursue postsecondary education. Provides for administration by the Department of Education.