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11	Senator Sullivan moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	Delete everything after the enacting clause		
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16	and insert:		
17	Section 1. Subsections (5) and (6) are added to		
18	section 240.40202, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:		
19	240.40202 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;		
20	student eligibility requirements for initial awards.--		
21	<u>(5) Beginning with year 2000 high school graduates,</u>		
22	<u>the Department of Education shall collect family socioeconomic</u>		
23	<u>data from Bright Futures Scholarship applicants.</u>		
24	<u>(6) A student who is determined to be ineligible for</u>		
25	<u>an initial award for failure to meet the high school grade</u>		
26	<u>point average requirement may appeal the determination to the</u>		
27	<u>department and request a recalculation of the grade point</u>		
28	<u>average to include the grades earned in up to three credits of</u>		
29	<u>advanced fine arts courses. The department shall make a</u>		
30	<u>description of the appeals process available to individuals</u>		
31	<u>upon request. The department shall recalculate the student's</u>		

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1 grade point average using the additional courses and advise
 2 the student of any changes in the student's eligibility
 3 status. For purposes of this section, fine arts courses
 4 include courses in music, drama, painting, sculpture, speech,
 5 debate, or a course in any art form that requires manual
 6 dexterity. "Advanced level fine arts courses" include fine
 7 arts courses identified in the course code directory as
 8 Advanced Placement, pre-International Baccalaureate or
 9 International Baccalaureate, and fine arts courses taken in
 10 the third or fourth year of a fine arts curriculum.

11 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 240.40203,
 12 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 240.40203 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
 14 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.--

15 (2) A student who is enrolled in a program that
 16 terminates in ~~an associate degree or a baccalaureate~~ degree
 17 may receive an award for a maximum of 132 semester credit
 18 hours or the equivalent 110 percent of the number of credit
 19 ~~hours required to complete the program~~. A student who is
 20 enrolled in a program that terminates in a technical
 21 certificate may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent
 22 of the credit hours or clock hours required to complete the
 23 program up to 90 credit hours. A student who transfers from
 24 one of these program levels to another becomes eligible for
 25 the higher of the two credit hour limits.

26 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 240.40205,
 27 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended, subsection (2)
 28 is renumbered and amended, subsections (3) and (4) are
 29 renumbered as subsections (5) and (6), respectively, and a new
 30 subsection (2) is added to said section, to read:

31 240.40205 Florida Academic Scholars award.--

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1 (1) A student who graduates from high school by the
2 end of the 2002-2003 school year is eligible for a Florida
3 Academic Scholars award if the student meets the general
4 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
5 Scholarship Program and the student:

6 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as
7 calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, or its equivalent, in
8 high school courses that are required as a condition of
9 admission to a State University System institution as set
10 forth in rules of the Board of Regents ~~adopted by the Board of~~
11 ~~Regents and recommended by the State Board of Community~~
12 ~~Colleges as college-preparatory academic courses; and~~

13 ~~(b)~~ has attained at least a score of 1270 ~~the score~~
14 ~~identified by rules of the Department of Education on the~~
15 ~~combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~
16 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the~~
17 ~~recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance~~
18 ~~Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment~~
19 ~~American College Testing Program, or its equivalent as~~
20 determined by the Department of Education; or

21 (b)~~(c)~~ Has attended a home education program according
22 to s. 232.0201 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the
23 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
24 International Baccalaureate Diploma, and has attained at least
25 a score of 1270 ~~the score identified by rules of the~~
26 ~~Department of Education on the combined verbal and~~
27 ~~quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the~~
28 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic~~
29 ~~Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an~~
30 ~~equivalent score on the ACT Assessment American College~~
31 ~~Testing Program; or~~

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1 ~~(c)(d)~~ Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate
2 Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office; or

3 ~~(d)(e)~~ Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
4 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
5 scholar or finalist.

6 (2) A student who graduates from high school during
7 the 2003-2004 school year or thereafter is eligible for a
8 Florida Academic Scholars award if the student meets the
9 general eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright
10 Futures Scholarship Program and the student:

11 (a) Has attained a score of at least 1270 on the
12 recentered Scholastic Assessment Test, an equivalent score on
13 the ACT Assessment Program, or the equivalent as determined by
14 the Department of Education and achieved a weighted grade
15 point average of 3.0 as calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202
16 using grades earned in the following courses:

17 1. Four years of progressively advanced instruction in
18 language arts, including courses in English composition and
19 literature.

20 2. Four years of progressively advanced instruction in
21 science, including laboratory courses in biology, chemistry,
22 and physics where laboratory facilities are available.

23 3. Four years of progressively advanced instruction in
24 mathematics, including courses in algebra, geometry, and
25 calculus or trigonometry.

26 4. Two years of sequential foreign language.

27 5. One year of instruction in fine arts courses as
28 defined in s. 240.40202.

29 6. Three years of instruction in social studies,
30 including courses in American history and government, world
31 history, and comparative political and economic systems;

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1 (b) Has attended a home education program according to
 2 s. 232.0201 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the
 3 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
 4 International Baccalaureate Diploma, and has attained at least
 5 a score of 1270 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts
 6 of the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
 7 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the Act
 8 Assessment Program;

9 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate
 10 Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office; or

11 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
 12 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
 13 scholar or finalist.

14 (3) Effective with the 1998-1999 school year, a
 15 student must complete a program of community service work, as
 16 approved by the district school board or the administrators of
 17 a nonpublic school, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours
 18 of service work and require the student to identify a social
 19 problem that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or
 20 her personal involvement in addressing the problem, and,
 21 through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect
 22 upon his or her experience.

23 (4)~~(2)~~ A Florida Academic Scholar who is enrolled in a
 24 baccalaureate-degree-granting public postsecondary education
 25 institution is eligible for a maximum award of \$2,800 ~~an award~~
 26 equal to the amount required to pay matriculation, fees, and
 27 ~~\$600 for college-related expenses~~ annually. A Florida Academic
 28 Scholar who is enrolled in an institution that does not award
 29 baccalaureate degrees is eligible for a maximum annual award
 30 of \$2,000. The maximum award amount must be prorated each
 31 semester as provided in s. 240.40201(6) ~~student who is~~

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1 ~~enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary education institution is~~
2 ~~eligible for an award equal to the amount that would be~~
3 ~~required to pay for the average matriculation and fees of a~~
4 ~~public postsecondary education institution at the comparable~~
5 ~~level, plus the annual \$600.~~

6 Section 4. Section 240.40206, Florida Statutes, 1998
7 Supplement, is amended to read:

8 (Substantial rewording of section. See
9 s. 240.40206, F.S., 1998 Supp., for present
10 text.)

11 240.40206 Florida Merit Scholars award.--

12 (1) A student who graduates from high school by the
13 end of the 2002-2003 school year is eligible for a Florida
14 Merit Scholars award if the student meets the general
15 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
16 Scholarship Program and the student:

17 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0
18 as calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, or the equivalent, in
19 high school courses that are required as a condition of
20 admission to a State University System institution, as set
21 forth in rules of the Board of Regents, and has attained a
22 score of at least 970 on the recentered Scholastic Assessment
23 Test, an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program, or
24 its equivalent as determined by the Department of Education;
25 or

26 (b) Has completed the International Baccalaureate
27 curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate
28 Diploma and has attained a score of at least 970 on the
29 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the recentered
30 Scholastic Assessment Test, an equivalent score on the ACT
31 Assessment Program, or its equivalent as determined by the

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1 Department of Education; or
 2 (c) Has completed a college-preparatory curriculum
 3 through a registered home education program and has attained a
 4 score of at least 970 on the combined verbal and quantitative
 5 parts of the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test, an
 6 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program, or its
 7 equivalent as determined by the Department of Education.
 8 Eligibility shall be determined in the same manner as for
 9 public school students. For students whose parents do not
 10 document a college-preparatory curriculum, a score of at least
 11 1070 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the
 12 recentered Scholastic Assessment Test, an equivalent score on
 13 the ACT Assessment Program, or its equivalent as determined by
 14 the Department of Education, shall be required for award
 15 eligibility.

16 (2) A student who graduates from high school in the
 17 2003-2004 school year or thereafter is eligible for a Florida
 18 Merit Scholars award if the student meets the general
 19 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
 20 Scholarship Program and the student:

21 (a) Has attained a score of at least 970 on the
 22 recentered Scholastic Assessment Test, an equivalent score on
 23 the ACT Assessment Program, or the equivalent as determined by
 24 the Department of Education and achieved a weighted grade
 25 point average of 3.0 as calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202
 26 using grades earned in the following courses:

27 1. Four years of progressively advanced instruction in
 28 language arts, including courses in English composition and
 29 literature.

30 2. Four years of progressively advanced instruction in
 31 science, including laboratory courses in biology, chemistry,

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1 and physics where laboratory facilities are available.
2 3. Four years of progressively advanced instruction in
3 mathematics, including courses in algebra, geometry, and
4 calculus or trigonometry.
5 4. Two years of sequential foreign language.
6 5. One year of instruction in fine arts courses as
7 defined in s. 240.40202.
8 6. Three years of instruction in social studies,
9 including courses in American history and government, world
10 history, and comparative political and economic systems; or
11 (b) Has completed the International Baccalaureate
12 curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate
13 Diploma and has attained a score of at least 970 on the
14 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the recentered
15 Scholastic Assessment Test, an equivalent score on the ACT
16 Assessment Program, or its equivalent as determined by the
17 Department of Education; or
18 (c) Has completed the curriculum prescribed in
19 paragraph (a) through a registered home education program or
20 has documented competency in each of the prescribed subject
21 areas and has attained a score of at least 970 on the combined
22 verbal and quantitative parts of the recentered Scholastic
23 Assessment Test, an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment
24 Program, or its equivalent as determined by the Department of
25 Education. For students whose parents do not document
26 completion of the prescribed curriculum or competencies in
27 each of the prescribed subject areas, a score of at least 1070
28 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the
29 recentered Scholastic Assessment Test, an equivalent score on
30 the ACT Assessment Program, or its equivalent as determined by
31 the Department of Education, shall be required.

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1 (3) A Florida Merit Scholar who is enrolled in a
2 baccalaureate-degree-granting postsecondary education
3 institution is eligible for a maximum award of \$1,700
4 annually. A Florida Merit Scholar who is enrolled in an
5 institution that does not award baccalaureate degrees is
6 eligible for a maximum annual award of \$1,100. The maximum
7 award must be prorated each semester as provided in s.
8 240.40201(6).

9 (4) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida
10 Merit Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a
11 grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for all
12 postsecondary education work attempted, with an opportunity
13 for reinstatement one time as provided in this act.

14 Section 5. Section 240.40207, Florida Statutes, 1998
15 Supplement, is amended to read:

16 240.40207 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars
17 award.--The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is
18 created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
19 to recognize and reward academic achievement and vocational
20 preparation by high school students who wish to continue their
21 education. Beginning fall semester 2001, a Florida Gold Seal
22 Vocational Scholars award may not be used at a baccalaureate
23 degree-granting institution unless the award is a renewal of
24 an initial award issued prior to fall semester 2001.

25 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
26 Vocational Scholars award if the student meets the general
27 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
28 Scholarship Program and the student:

29 (a) Completes the secondary school portion of a
30 sequential program of studies that requires at least three
31 secondary school vocational credits taken over at least 2

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1 academic years, and is continued in a planned, related
 2 postsecondary education program. If the student's school does
 3 not offer such a two-plus-two or tech-prep program, the
 4 student must complete a job-preparatory career education
 5 program selected by the Occupational Forecasting Conference or
 6 the Workforce Development Board of Enterprise Florida for its
 7 ability to provide high-wage employment in an occupation with
 8 high potential for employment opportunities. On-the-job
 9 training may not be substituted for any of the three required
 10 vocational credits.

11 (b) Demonstrates readiness for postsecondary education
 12 by earning a passing score on the Florida College Entry Level
 13 Placement Test or its equivalent as identified by the
 14 Department of Education.

15 (c) Earns a minimum cumulative weighted grade point
 16 average of 3.0, as calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, on all
 17 subjects required for a standard high school diploma,
 18 excluding elective courses.

19 (d) Earns a minimum unweighted grade point average of
 20 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for secondary vocational courses comprising
 21 the vocational program.

22 (e) Completes the requirements of a vocational-ready
 23 diploma program, as defined by rules of the State Board of
 24 Education.

25 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible
 26 for a maximum annual award of \$1,100. The maximum award amount
 27 must be prorated each semester as provided by s. 240.40201(6)
 28 ~~an award equal to the amount required to pay 75 percent of~~
 29 ~~matriculation and fees, if the student is enrolled in a public~~
 30 ~~postsecondary education institution. A student who is enrolled~~
 31 ~~in a nonpublic postsecondary education institution is eligible~~

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1 ~~for an award equal to the amount that would be required to pay~~
2 ~~75 percent of the matriculation and mandatory fees of a public~~
3 ~~postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.~~

4 (3) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida
5 Gold Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must maintain the
6 equivalent of a grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for
7 all postsecondary education work attempted, with an
8 opportunity for reinstatement one time as provided in this
9 act.

10 (4) A student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational
11 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours
12 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the
13 equivalent. ~~A Florida Gold Seal Scholar who has a cumulative~~
14 ~~grade point average of 2.75 in all postsecondary education~~
15 ~~work attempted may apply for a Florida Merit Scholars award at~~
16 ~~any renewal period. All other provisions of that program~~
17 ~~apply, and the credit-hour limitation must be calculated by~~
18 ~~subtracting from the student's total eligibility the number of~~
19 ~~credit hours the student attempted while earning the Gold Seal~~
20 ~~Vocational Scholarship.~~

21 (5) Upon successful completion of an associate degree
22 program, an award recipient who meets the renewal criteria in
23 subsection (3) and enrolls in an associate or baccalaureate
24 degree program at an eligible postsecondary education
25 institution is eligible to transfer to the Florida Merit
26 Scholars award component of the Bright Futures Scholarship
27 Program. Other than initial eligibility criteria, all other
28 provisions of that component apply.

29 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 240.40208,
30 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

31 240.40208 Eligibility for the Florida Bright Futures

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1 Scholarship Program; transition.--

2 (1) A student who graduates from high school in 1997
3 or earlier and who is eligible for the Florida Undergraduate
4 Scholar's Program pursuant to s. 240.402 is eligible for the
5 Florida Academic Scholars award as provided in this act. A
6 student who graduates from high school in 1998 or 1999 is
7 eligible for the Florida Academic Scholars award if the
8 student meets the criteria in s. 240.40205. However, in lieu
9 of satisfying the requirements set forth in s. 240.40205(1)(a)
10 ~~and (b)~~, a student may meet the following criteria:

11 (a) Complete a program of at least 24 credits in
12 advanced-level studies as prescribed by the State Board of
13 Education, including as a minimum:

14 1. Four years of progressively advanced instruction in
15 language arts, including courses in English composition and
16 literature.

17 2. Four years of progressively advanced instruction in
18 science, including laboratory courses in biology, chemistry,
19 and physics where laboratory facilities are available.

20 3. Four years of progressively advanced instruction in
21 mathematics, including courses in algebra, geometry, and
22 calculus or trigonometry.

23 4. Two years of sequential foreign language.

24 5. One year of instruction in art and music or in
25 either art or music.

26 6. Three years of instruction in social studies,
27 including courses in American history and government, world
28 history, and comparative political and economic systems.

29 7. One year of instruction in health and physical
30 education to include assessment, improvement, and maintenance
31 of personal fitness.

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1 (b) Obtain at least the equivalent of an unweighted
2 grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all courses
3 taken for which high school credit may be granted.

4 (c) Achieve a score of 1180 on the combined verbal and
5 quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the
6 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic
7 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an
8 equivalent score on the American College Testing Program or an
9 equivalent program.

10 (d) Complete a program of community service work, as
11 approved by the district school board or the administrators of
12 a nonpublic school, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours
13 of service work and require the student to identify a social
14 problem that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or
15 her personal involvement in addressing the problem, and,
16 through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect
17 upon his or her experience.

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19 Students who graduate from high school after 1999 must meet
20 the eligibility criteria pursuant to s. 240.40205.

21 Section 7. Section 240.40209, Florida Statutes, is
22 repealed.

23 Section 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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27 And the title is amended as follows:

28 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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30 and insert:

31 A bill to be entitled

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1 An act relating to scholarship programs;
2 amending s. 240.40202, F.S.; modifying student
3 eligibility requirements for initial awards;
4 amending s. 240.40203, F.S.; revising student
5 eligibility requirements for renewal awards;
6 amending s. 240.40205, F.S.; revising initial
7 eligibility requirements for the Florida
8 Academic Scholars award; amending s. 240.40206,
9 F.S.; revising initial eligibility requirements
10 for the Florida Merit Scholars award; amending
11 s. 240.40207, F.S.; revising provisions
12 relating to the Florida Gold Seal Vocational
13 Scholars award; amending s. 240.40208, F.S.;
14 correcting a cross reference; repealing s.
15 240.40209, F.S., relating to calculation of
16 awards for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
17 recipients attending nonpublic institutions;
18 providing an effective date.

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