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Bill No. HB 1931

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Representative(s) Casey offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove from the bill: Everything after the enacting clause  
and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 1. Subsections (5) and (6) are added to  
section 240.40202, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

240.40202 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
student eligibility requirements for initial awards.--

(5) Beginning with year 2000 high school graduates,  
the Department of Education shall collect family socioeconomic  
data from Bright Futures Scholarship applicants.

(6) A student who is determined to be ineligible for  
an initial award for failure to meet the high school grade  
point average requirement may appeal the determination to the  
department and request a recalculation of the grade point  
average to include the grades earned in up to three credits of  
advanced fine arts courses. The department shall make a  
description of the appeals process available to individuals  
upon request. The department shall recalculate the student's

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.--

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~~

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 3.5 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; or

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; or

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~~

~~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

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,

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.



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~~

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

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.

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 On page 1, line 15,

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30 after the semicolon insert:

31 repealing s. 240.40209, F.S., relating to

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2 Futures Scholarship recipients attending  
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