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11 Senator Kirkpatrick 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. Subsection (9) of section 239.115, Florida
18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19 239.115 Funds for operation of adult general education
20 and vocational education programs.--

21 (9) The Department of Education, the State Board of
22 Community Colleges, and the Jobs and Education Partnership
23 shall provide the Legislature with recommended formulas,
24 criteria, timeframes, and mechanisms for distributing
25 performance funds. The commissioner shall consolidate the
26 recommendations and develop a consensus proposal for funding.
27 The Legislature shall adopt a formula and distribute the
28 performance funds to the Division of Community Colleges and
29 the Division of Workforce Development through the General
30 Appropriations Act. The Legislature recognizes that community
31 colleges and school districts must provide programs that are

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1 current and meet the demands of business and industry.
2 Therefore, the Legislature intends that the funding formula
3 set forth in this section not penalize institutions which
4 convert out-of-date or low demand programs into high
5 skill/high wage programs as identified by the State Workforce
6 Development Board. The Legislature also intends that
7 performance exemptions be granted to institutions that start
8 new or significantly expand existing workforce development
9 education programs for a period not to exceed 2 years from the
10 implementation of the new or significantly expanded program.
11 These recommendations shall be based on formulas that would
12 discourage low-performing or low-demand programs and encourage
13 through performance-funding awards:

14 (a) Programs that prepare people to enter high-wage
15 occupations identified by the Occupational Forecasting
16 Conference created by s. 216.136 and other programs as
17 approved by the Jobs and Education Partnership. At a minimum,
18 performance incentives shall be calculated for adults who
19 reach completion points or complete programs that lead to
20 specified high-wage employment and to their placement in that
21 employment.

22 (b) Programs that successfully prepare adults who are
23 eligible for public assistance, economically disadvantaged,
24 disabled, not proficient in English, or dislocated workers for
25 high-wage occupations. At a minimum, performance incentives
26 shall be calculated at an enhanced value for the completion of
27 adults identified in this paragraph and job placement of such
28 adults upon completion. In addition, adjustments may be made
29 in payments for job placements for areas of high unemployment.

30 (c) Programs identified by the Jobs and Education
31 Partnership as increasing the effectiveness and cost

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1 efficiency of education.

2 Section 2. Subsections (5) and (8) and paragraph (a)
3 of subsection (6) of section 239.117, Florida Statutes, are
4 amended, and subsection (18) of said section is amended and
5 redesignated as paragraph (b) of subsection (8) of said
6 section, to read:

7 239.117 Workforce development postsecondary student
8 fees.--

9 (5) School districts and community colleges may waive
10 fees for any fee-nonexempt student. The total value of fee
11 waivers granted by the school district or community college
12 may not exceed 8 percent of the district's or community
13 college's postsecondary vocational certificate program
14 enrollment hours unless otherwise indicated by an ~~the~~ amount
15 established annually in the General Appropriations Act. Any
16 student whose fees are waived in excess of the authorized
17 amount may not be reported for state funding purposes. Any
18 school district or community college that waives fees and
19 requests state funding for a student in violation of the
20 provisions of this section shall be penalized at a rate equal
21 to 2 times the value of the full-time student enrollment
22 reported.

23 (6)(a) The Commissioner of Education shall provide to
24 the State Board of Education no later than January ~~December~~ 31
25 of each year a schedule of fees for workforce development
26 education, excluding continuing workforce education, for
27 school districts and community colleges. The fee schedule
28 shall be based on the amount of student fees necessary to
29 produce 25 percent of the prior year's average cost of a
30 course of study leading to a certificate or diploma. ~~At the~~
31 ~~discretion of a school board or a community college, this fee~~

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1 financial aid fees collected shall be deposited into a
2 separate workforce development student financial aid fee trust
3 fund of the district or community college to support students
4 enrolled in workforce development programs. Any undisbursed
5 balance remaining in the trust fund and interest income
6 accruing to investments from the trust fund shall increase the
7 total funds available for distribution to workforce
8 development education students. Awards shall be based on
9 student financial need and distributed in accordance with a
10 nationally recognized system of need analysis, as established
11 by each school board or community college district board of
12 trustees approved by the State Board for Career Education.
13 Fees collected pursuant to this paragraph subsection shall be
14 allocated in an expeditious manner.

15 (b)(18) Technology fee revenues must be expended in
16 accordance with technology improvement plans related to
17 vocational certificate programs and shall not supplant funding
18 expended in the prior year's budget for these purposes. ~~Each~~
19 ~~district school board and community college district board of~~
20 ~~trustees is authorized to establish a separate fee for~~
21 ~~technology, not to exceed \$1.80 per credit hour or credit-hour~~
22 ~~equivalent for resident students and not more than \$5.40 per~~
23 ~~credit hour or credit-hour equivalent for nonresident~~
24 ~~students, or the equivalent, to be expended in accordance with~~
25 ~~technology improvement plans. The technology fee may apply~~
26 ~~only to associate degree programs and courses. Fifty percent~~
27 of technology fee revenues may be pledged by a community
28 college board of trustees as a dedicated revenue source for
29 the repayment of debt, including lease-purchase agreements,
30 not to exceed the useful life of the asset being financed.
31 Revenues generated from the technology fee may not be bonded.

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1 Section 3. Subsection (19) is added to section
2 239.117, Florida Statutes, to read:
3 239.117 Workforce development postsecondary student
4 fees.--

5 (19) Provisions of this section notwithstanding, no
6 institution will be required to reduce fees for workforce
7 development programs.

8 Section 4. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 239.213,
9 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

10 239.213 Vocational-preparatory instruction.--

11 (2) Students who enroll in a certificate career
12 education program of 450 hours or more shall complete an
13 entry-level examination within the first 6 weeks of admission
14 into the program. The state board shall designate
15 examinations that are currently in existence, the results of
16 which are comparable across institutions, to assess student
17 mastery of basic skills. Any student deemed to lack a minimal
18 level of basic skills for such program shall be referred to
19 vocational-preparatory instruction or adult basic education
20 for a structured program of basic skills instruction. Such
21 instruction may include English for speakers of other
22 languages. A student may not receive a certificate of
23 vocational program completion prior to demonstrating the basic
24 skills required in the state curriculum frameworks for the
25 vocational program.

26 (3) Any student with disabilities who meets the
27 criteria established in s. 240.152 or s. 240.153 ~~Exceptional~~
28 ~~students, as defined in s. 228.041,~~ may be exempted from the
29 provisions of this section. A student who possesses an
30 associate in arts, baccalaureate, or graduate-level degree,
31 who has completed the college-level communication and

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1 computation skills examination pursuant to s. 240.107, or who
2 is exempt from the college entry-level examination pursuant to
3 s. 240.107 may be exempted from the provisions of this
4 section. Pursuant to 29 C.F.R. part 30, students in registered
5 apprenticeship programs may also be exempted from the
6 provisions of this section.

7 Section 5. Section 239.514, Florida Statutes, is
8 amended to read:

9 239.514 Workforce Development Capitalization Incentive
10 Grant Program.--The Legislature recognizes that the need for
11 school districts and community colleges to be able to respond
12 to emerging local or statewide economic development needs is
13 critical to the workforce development system. The Workforce
14 Development Capitalization Incentive Grant Program is created
15 to provide grants to school districts and community colleges
16 on a competitive basis to fund some or all of the costs
17 associated with the creation or expansion of workforce
18 development programs that serve specific employment workforce
19 needs. Funds may also be used to upgrade workforce development
20 programs to established industry standards in accordance with
21 program updates conducted by the Division of Community
22 Colleges and the Division of Workforce Development.

23 (1) Funds awarded for a workforce development
24 capitalization incentive grant may be used for instructional
25 equipment, laboratory equipment, supplies, personnel, student
26 services, or other expenses associated with the creation,
27 upgrade, or expansion of a workforce development program.
28 Expansion of a program may include either the expansion of
29 enrollments in a program or expansion into new areas of
30 specialization within a program. No grant funds may be used
31 for recurring instructional costs or for institutions'

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1 indirect costs.

2 (2) The Postsecondary Education Planning Commission
3 shall accept applications from school districts or community
4 colleges for workforce development capitalization incentive
5 grants. Applications from school districts or community
6 colleges shall contain projected enrollments and projected
7 costs for the new or expanded workforce development program.
8 The Postsecondary Education Planning Commission, in
9 consultation with the Jobs and Education Partnership, the
10 Department of Education, and the State Board of Community
11 Colleges, shall review and rank each application for a grant
12 according to subsection (3) and shall submit to the
13 Legislature a list in priority order of applications
14 recommended for a grant award.

15 (3) The commission shall give highest priority to
16 programs that train people to enter high-skill, high-wage
17 occupations identified by the occupational forecasting
18 conference and other programs approved by the Jobs and
19 Education Partnership; programs that train people to enter
20 occupations on the WAGES list; or programs that train for the
21 workforce adults who are eligible for public assistance,
22 economically disadvantaged, disabled, not proficient in
23 English, or dislocated workers. The commission shall consider
24 the statewide geographic dispersion of grant funds in ranking
25 the applications and shall give priority to applications from
26 education agencies that are making maximum use of their
27 workforce development funding by offering high-performing,
28 high-demand programs.

29 Section 6. Subsection (11) is added to section
30 240.1201, Florida Statutes, to read:

31 240.1201 Determination of resident status for tuition

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1 purposes.--Students shall be classified as residents or
2 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition fees in
3 public community colleges and universities.

4 (11) The State Board of Education is authorized to
5 adopt rules regarding the classification of students as
6 residents or nonresidents for tuition purposes to implement
7 the provisions of this section.

8 Section 7. Section 240.152, Florida Statutes, is
9 amended to read:

10 240.152 Individuals who have disabilities ~~impaired and~~
11 ~~learning disabled persons~~; admission to postsecondary
12 institutions; substitute requirements; rules.--Any person who
13 is hearing impaired, visually impaired, speech impaired, or
14 otherwise physically impaired, or dyslexic, or who has a
15 specific learning disability, or who has a physical or mental
16 impairment as defined in State Board of Education rule, shall
17 be eligible for reasonable substitution for any requirement
18 for admission to a state university, community college, or
19 other postsecondary ~~degree-career~~ education institution where
20 documentation can be provided that the person's failure to
21 meet the admission requirement is related to the disability.
22 The State Board of Education, the Board of Regents, and the
23 State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt rules to
24 implement this section and shall develop substitute admission
25 requirements where appropriate.

26 Section 8. Section 240.153, Florida Statutes, is
27 amended to read:

28 240.153 Individuals who have disabilities ~~impaired and~~
29 ~~learning disabled persons~~; graduation, study program
30 admission, and upper-division entry; substitute requirements;
31 rules.--Any student in a state university, community college,

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1 or other postsecondary degree career education institution who
2 is hearing impaired, visually impaired, speech impaired, or
3 otherwise physically impaired, or dyslexic, or who has a
4 specific learning disability, or who has a physical or mental
5 impairment as defined in State Board of Education rule, shall
6 be eligible for reasonable substitution for any requirement
7 for graduation, for admission into a program of study, or for
8 entry into upper division where documentation can be provided
9 that the person's failure to meet the requirement is related
10 to the disability and where the failure to meet the graduation
11 requirement or program admission requirement does not
12 constitute a fundamental alteration in the nature of the
13 program. The State Board of Education, the Board of Regents,
14 and the State Board of Community Colleges shall adopt rules to
15 implement this section and shall develop substitute
16 requirements where appropriate.

17 Section 9. Paragraphs (g) and (j) of subsection (3),
18 paragraph (c) of subsection (5), and paragraph (d) of
19 subsection (8) of section 240.311, Florida Statutes, are
20 amended to read:

21 240.311 State Board of Community Colleges; powers and
22 duties.--

23 (3) The State Board of Community Colleges shall:

24 (g) Specify, by rule, ~~Recommend to the State Board of~~
25 ~~Education~~ minimum standards for the operation of each
26 community college as required in s. 240.325, which standards
27 may include, but are not limited to, general qualifications of
28 personnel, budgeting, accounting and financial procedures,
29 educational programs, student admissions and services, and
30 community services.

31 (j) Establish, by rule, criteria for making

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1 recommendations relative to modifying district boundary lines
2 and for making recommendations upon all proposals for the
3 establishment of additional centers, instructional sites,
4 special purpose centers, or campuses for community colleges.

5 (5) The State Board of Community Colleges is
6 responsible for reviewing and administering the state program
7 of support for the Florida Community College System and,
8 subject to existing law, shall:

9 (c) Provide for and coordinate implementation of the
10 community college program fund in accordance with provisions
11 of ss. 240.359 and 240.323 and in accordance with rules of the
12 State Board of Community Colleges ~~Education~~.

13 (8)

14 ~~(d) By December 31, 1999, and annually thereafter, the~~
15 ~~State Board of Community Colleges shall report on the~~
16 ~~implementation of this section to the Speaker of the House of~~
17 ~~Representatives and the President of the Senate.~~

18 Section 10. Section 240.321, Florida Statutes, is
19 amended to read:

20 240.321 Community college district board of trustees;
21 rules for admissions of students.--The board of trustees shall
22 make rules governing admissions of students. These rules
23 shall include the following:

24 (1) Admissions counseling shall be provided to all
25 students entering college credit programs, which counseling
26 shall utilize tests to measure achievement of college-level
27 communication and computation competencies by all students
28 entering college credit programs.

29 (2) Admission to associate degree programs is subject
30 to minimum standards adopted by the State Board of Education
31 and shall require:

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1 (a) A standard high school diploma, a high school
2 equivalency diploma as prescribed in s. 229.814, previously
3 demonstrated competency in college credit postsecondary
4 coursework, or, in the case of a student who is home educated,
5 a signed affidavit submitted by the student's parent or legal
6 guardian attesting that the student has completed a home
7 education program pursuant to the requirements of s. 232.0201.
8 Students who are enrolled in a dual enrollment or early
9 admission program pursuant to s. 240.116 and secondary
10 students enrolled in college-level instruction creditable
11 toward the associate degree, but not toward the high school
12 diploma, shall be exempt from this requirement.

13 (b) A demonstrated level of achievement of
14 college-level communication and computation skills. Students
15 entering a postsecondary education program within 2 years of
16 graduation from high school with an earned college-ready
17 diploma issued pursuant to s. 232.2466 shall be exempt from
18 this testing requirement.

19 (c) Any other requirements established by the board of
20 trustees.

21 (3) Admission to other programs within the community
22 college shall include education requirements as established by
23 the board of trustees.

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25 ~~Each board of trustees shall establish policies that notify~~
26 ~~students about, and place students into, adult basic~~
27 ~~education, adult secondary education, or other instructional~~
28 ~~programs that provide students with alternatives to~~
29 ~~traditional college preparatory instruction, including private~~
30 ~~provider instruction. Such notification shall include a~~
31 ~~written listing or a prominent display of information on~~

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1 ~~alternative remedial options that must be available to each~~
2 ~~student who scores below college level in any area on the~~
3 ~~common placement test. The list or display shall include, but~~
4 ~~is not limited to, options provided by the community college,~~
5 ~~adult education programs, and programs provided by private~~
6 ~~sector providers. The college shall not endorse, recommend,~~
7 ~~evaluate, or rank any of the providers. The list of providers~~
8 ~~or the display materials shall include all those providers~~
9 ~~that request to be included. The written list must provide~~
10 ~~students with specific contact information and disclose the~~
11 ~~full costs of the course tuition, laboratory fees, and~~
12 ~~instructional materials of each option listed. A student who~~
13 ~~elects a private provider for remedial instruction is entitled~~
14 ~~to enroll in up to 12 credits of college-level courses in~~
15 ~~skill areas other than those for which the student is being~~
16 ~~remediated. A student is prohibited from enrolling in~~
17 ~~additional college-level courses until the student scores~~
18 ~~above the cut-score on all sections of the common placement~~
19 ~~test.~~

20 Section 11. Section 240.325, Florida Statutes, is
21 amended to read:

22 240.325 Minimum standards, definitions, and guidelines
23 for community colleges.--Subject to the provisions of s.
24 240.311(2), the State Board of Community Colleges Education
25 shall prescribe, by rule, minimum standards, definitions, and
26 guidelines for community colleges and the Division of
27 Community Colleges which will assure the quality of education,
28 systemwide coordination, and efficient progress toward
29 attainment of the community college mission. The State Board
30 of Community Colleges shall adopt rules addressing ~~At a~~
31 ~~minimum, these rules must address:~~

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- 1 (1) Personnel.
- 2 (2) Contracting.
- 3 (3) Program offerings and classification including
- 4 college-level communication and computation skills associated
- 5 with successful performance in college, with tests and other
- 6 assessment procedures which measure student achievement of
- 7 those skills. The performance measures shall provide that
- 8 students moving from one level of education to the next
- 9 acquire the necessary competencies for that level.

10 (4) Provisions for curriculum development, graduation

11 requirements, accreditation, college calendars, and program

12 service areas. These provisions shall include rules that:

13 (a) Provide for the award of an associate in arts

14 degree to a student who successfully completes 60 semester

15 credit hours at the community college.

16 (b) Require all of the credits accepted for the

17 associate in arts degree to be in the common course numbering

18 and designation system as credits toward a baccalaureate

19 degree offered by a university in the State University System.

20 (c) Require no more than 36 semester credit hours in

21 general education courses in the subject areas of

22 communication, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, and

23 natural sciences.

24 (d) Provide for procedures for student withdrawal and

25 grade forgiveness.

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27 The rules should encourage community colleges to enter into

28 agreements with universities which allow community college

29 students to complete upper-division-level courses at a

30 community college. An agreement may provide for concurrent

31 enrollment at the community college and the university,

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1 authority for the community college to offer an
2 upper-division-level course, or distance learning.

3 (5) Student admissions, conduct and discipline,
4 nonclassroom activities, and fees.

5 (6) Budgeting.

6 (7) Business and financial matters.

7 (8) Student services.

8 (9) Reports, surveys, and information systems,
9 including forms and dates of submission.

10 Section 12. Subsection (3) of section 240.3341,
11 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 240.3341 Incubator facilities for small business
13 concerns.--

14 (3)~~(a)~~ The incubator facility and any improvements to
15 the facility shall be owned or leased by the community
16 college. The community college may charge residents of the
17 facility all or part of the cost for facilities, utilities,
18 and support personnel and equipment. No small business
19 concern shall reside in the incubator facility for more than 5
20 calendar years. The state shall not be liable for any act or
21 failure to act of any small business concern residing in an
22 incubator facility pursuant to this section or of any such
23 concern benefiting from the incubator facilities program.

24 ~~(b) Notwithstanding any provision of paragraph (a) to~~
25 ~~the contrary, and for the 1999-2000 fiscal year only, the~~
26 ~~incubator facility may be leased by the community college.~~
27 ~~This paragraph is repealed on July 1, 2000.~~

28 Section 13. Subsections (7) and (10) of section
29 240.35, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

30 240.35 Student fees.--Unless otherwise provided, the
31 provisions of this section apply only to fees charged for

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1 college credit instruction leading to an associate in arts
2 degree, an associate in applied science degree, or an
3 associate in science degree and noncollege credit
4 college-preparatory courses defined in s. 239.105.

5 (7) Each community college board of trustees shall
6 establish matriculation and tuition fees, which may vary no
7 more than 10 percent below and 15 percent above the fee
8 schedule adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges.
9 ~~provided that Any amount from 10 to 15 percent above the fee~~
10 ~~schedule must be expended solely is used only to support~~
11 ~~additional safety and security purposes and shall not supplant~~
12 ~~funding expended in the prior year's budget for safety and~~
13 ~~security purposes.~~ In order to assess an additional amount for
14 safety and security purposes, a community college board of
15 trustees must provide written justification to the State Board
16 of Community Colleges based on criteria approved by the local
17 board of trustees, including but not limited to criteria such
18 as local crime data and information, and strategies for the
19 implementation of local safety plans. ~~For 1999-2000, each~~
20 ~~community college is authorized to increase the sum of the~~
21 ~~matriculation fee and technology fee by not more than 5~~
22 ~~percent of the sum of the matriculation and local safety and~~
23 ~~security fees in 1998-1999. However, no fee in 1999-2000 shall~~
24 ~~exceed the prescribed statutory limit. Should a college decide~~
25 ~~to increase the matriculation fee, the funds raised by~~
26 ~~increasing the matriculation fee must be expended solely for~~
27 ~~additional safety and security purposes and shall not supplant~~
28 ~~funding expended in the 1998-1999 budget for safety and~~
29 ~~security purposes.~~

30 (10) Each community college district board of trustees
31 may establish a separate activity and service fee not to

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1 exceed 10 percent of the matriculation fee, according to rules
 2 of the State Board of Education. The student activity and
 3 service fee shall be collected as a component part of the
 4 registration and tuition fees. The student activity and
 5 service fees shall be paid into a student activity and service
 6 fund at the community college and shall be expended for lawful
 7 purposes to directly benefit the student body in general.
 8 These purposes include, but are not limited to, student
 9 publications and grants to duly recognized student
 10 organizations, the membership of which is open to all students
 11 at the community college without regard to race, sex, or
 12 religion.

13 Section 14. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
 14 240.359, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 240.359 Procedure for determining state financial
 16 support and annual apportionment of state funds to each
 17 community college district.--The procedure for determining
 18 state financial support and the annual apportionment to each
 19 community college district authorized to operate a community
 20 college under the provisions of s. 240.313 shall be as
 21 follows:

22 (1) DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE
 23 COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM FUND FOR THE CURRENT OPERATING
 24 PROGRAM.--

25 (c) If a student enrolls in any course that he or she
 26 has previously taken, unless it is a credit course in which
 27 the student earned a grade of D or F, the hours shall not be
 28 used in the calculation of full-time equivalent enrollments
 29 for state funding purposes.~~The category of lifelong learning~~
 30 ~~is for students enrolled pursuant to s. 239.301. A student~~
 31 ~~shall also be reported as a lifelong learning student for his~~

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1 240.40201 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
2 Program.--

3 (1) The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is
4 created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to
5 reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition
6 of high academic achievement and who enrolls in a degree
7 program, certificate program, or applied technology diploma
8 program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary
9 education institution within 7 3 years of graduation from high
10 school. Regardless of the year in which the student first
11 receives scholarship funding, all eligibility will end 7 years
12 after high school graduation. However, an eligible student who
13 enlists in the United States Armed Forces within 6 months of
14 high school graduation maintains eligibility for 4 years
15 following his or her discharge from military service, provided
16 that all other eligibility criteria apply.

17 Section 18. Paragraphs (b), (e), and (f) of subsection
18 (1) and subsection (2) of section 240.40202, Florida Statutes,
19 are amended to read:

20 240.40202 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
21 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.--

22 (1) To be eligible for an initial award from any of
23 the three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright
24 Futures Scholarship Program, a student must:

25 (b) Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its
26 equivalent as described in s. 232.246 or s. 229.814 unless:

27 1. The student is enrolled full time in the early
28 admission program of an eligible postsecondary education
29 institution or completes a home education program according to
30 s. 232.0201; or

31 2. The student earns a high school diploma from a

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1 non-Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who
2 is on military or public service assignment away from Florida.
3 "Public service assignment," as used in this subparagraph,
4 means the occupational assignment outside of Florida of a
5 person who is a permanent resident of Florida and who is
6 employed by the United States Government or the State of
7 Florida, a condition of which employment is assignment outside
8 of Florida.

9 (e) Not have been found guilty of, or ~~pled~~ plead nolo
10 contendere or guilty to, a felony charge, unless the student
11 has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting
12 as the Executive Office of Clemency.

13 (f) Apply for a scholarship from the program by
14 December 31 after April 1 of the last semester before high
15 school graduation. There is no application deadline for a
16 student graduating from a non-Florida school, pursuant to
17 subparagraph (1)(b)2.

18 (2) ~~A student is eligible to accept an initial award~~
19 ~~for 3 years following high school graduation and to accept a~~
20 ~~renewal award for 7 years following high school graduation.~~A
21 student who applies for an award by April 1 and who meets all
22 other eligibility requirements, but who does not accept his or
23 her award during the first year of eligibility after high
24 school graduation, may apply for reinstatement of the award
25 for use within 7 reapply during subsequent application periods
26 ~~up to 3 years after high school graduation.~~ Reinstatement
27 applications must be received by the deadline established by
28 the Department of Education.

29 Section 19. Section 240.40203, Florida Statutes, is
30 amended to read:

31 240.40203 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;

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1 student eligibility requirements for renewal, reinstatement,
2 and restoration awards.--

3 (1) To be eligible to receive ~~renew~~ a scholarship from
4 any of the three types of scholarships under the Florida
5 Bright Futures Scholarship Program after the first year of
6 eligibility, a student must meet the following requirements
7 for either renewal, reinstatement, or restoration:

8 (a) Renewal applies to students who receive an award
9 for at least one term during the academic year. For renewal, a
10 student must complete at least 12 semester credit hours or the
11 equivalent in the last academic year in which the student
12 earned a scholarship.

13 ~~(b)~~ and maintain the cumulative grade point average
14 required by the scholarship program, except that:

15 1. If a recipient's grades fall beneath the average
16 required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are
17 sufficient to renew a Florida Merit Scholarship or a Florida
18 Vocational Gold Seal Scholarship, the Department of Education
19 may grant a renewal from one of those other scholarship
20 programs, if the student meets the renewal eligibility
21 requirements. ~~or~~

22 2. If, upon renewal evaluation ~~at any time during the~~
23 ~~eligibility period~~, a student's grades or hours, or both, are
24 not sufficient ~~insufficient~~ to renew the scholarship, the
25 student may use grades or hours, or both, earned during the
26 following summer to renew the scholarship ~~restore eligibility~~
27 ~~by improving the grade point average to the required level. A~~
28 ~~student is eligible for such a reinstatement only once.~~ The
29 Legislature encourages education institutions to assist
30 students to calculate whether or not it is possible to raise
31 the grade point average during the summer term. If the

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1 institution determines that it is possible, the education
2 institution may so inform the department, which may reserve
3 the student's award if funds are available. The renewal,
4 however, must not be granted until the student achieves the
5 required cumulative grade point average and earns the required
6 number of hours. If, during the summer term, a student does
7 not earn is not sufficient hours or to raise the grade point
8 average to the required renewal level, the student will not be
9 eligible for an award student's next opportunity for renewal
10 is the fall semester of the following academic year.

11 (b) Reinstatement applies to students who were
12 eligible but did not receive an award during the previous
13 academic year or years, and who may apply to reestablish use
14 of the scholarship. For reinstatement, a student must have
15 been eligible at the time of the student's most recent Bright
16 Futures eligibility determination. The student must apply for
17 reinstatement by submitting a reinstatement application by the
18 deadline established by the Department of Education.

19 (c) Restoration applies to students who lost
20 scholarship eligibility due to a low renewal grade point
21 average, but earned the required grade point average in a
22 subsequent academic year, and who may apply to receive awards
23 in the future. For restoration, a student who did not meet
24 renewal requirements during a prior evaluation period may
25 restore eligibility by meeting the required grade point
26 average during a subsequent renewal evaluation period. A
27 student is eligible to receive such restoration only once.
28 The student must submit an application for restoration by the
29 deadline established by the Department of Education.

30 (2) A student who is enrolled in a program that
31 terminates in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree

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1 may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the
 2 number of credit hours required to complete the program. A
 3 student who is enrolled in an undergraduate program that
 4 terminates in the award of a postbaccalaureate degree, or the
 5 simultaneous award of baccalaureate and postbaccalaureate
 6 degrees, may receive an award for a maximum of 132 semester
 7 hours, or the equivalent, at the undergraduate rate. A student
 8 who is enrolled in a program that terminates in a technical
 9 certificate may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent
 10 of the credit hours or clock hours required to complete the
 11 program up to 90 credit hours. A student who transfers from
 12 one of these program levels to another becomes eligible for
 13 the higher of the two credit hour limits.

14 Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 240.40204,
 15 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 240.40204 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
 17 eligible postsecondary education institutions.--A student is
 18 eligible for an award or the renewal of an award from the
 19 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program if the student
 20 meets the requirements for the program as described in this
 21 act and is enrolled in a postsecondary education institution
 22 that meets the description in any one of the following
 23 subsections:

24 (2) An independent Florida college or university that
 25 ~~is accredited by a member of the Commission on Recognition of~~
 26 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation and which~~ has operated in the
 27 state for at least 3 years and is accredited by an accrediting
 28 agency recognized by the United States Department of
 29 Education.

30 Section 21. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section
 31 240.40205, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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1 240.40205 Florida Academic Scholars award.--

2 (2) A Florida Academic Scholar who is enrolled in a
3 public postsecondary education institution is eligible for an
4 award equal to the amount required to pay matriculation and,
5 fees, as defined by the Department of Education, and \$300 per
6 semester or the equivalent \$600 for college-related expenses
7 ~~annually~~. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic
8 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award
9 equal to the amount that would be required to pay for the
10 average matriculation and fees of a public postsecondary
11 education institution at the comparable level, plus the amount
12 provided for college-related expenses annual \$600.

13 (3) To be eligible for a renewal or restoration award
14 as a Florida Academic Scholar, a student must meet the
15 requirements of s. 240.40203 and the maintain the equivalent
16 ~~of a~~ grade point average requirement of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or
17 the equivalent, for all postsecondary education work
18 attempted. A student may have, with an opportunity for one
19 restoration reinstatement as provided in this act.

20 (4) In each school district, the Florida Academic
21 Scholar with the highest academic ranking shall receive an
22 additional award of \$750 per semester or the equivalent \$1,500
23 for college-related expenses. This award must be funded from
24 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

25 Section 22. Section 240.40206, Florida Statutes, is
26 amended to read:

27 240.40206 Florida Merit Scholars award.--

28 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Merit Scholars
29 award if the student meets the general eligibility
30 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
31 Program and the student:

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1 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0
2 as calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, or the equivalent, in
3 high school courses that are adopted by the Board of Regents
4 and recommended by the State Board of Community Colleges as
5 college-preparatory academic courses; and

6 (b) Has attained at least the score identified by
7 rules of the Department of Education on the combined verbal
8 and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the
9 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic
10 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an
11 equivalent score on the American College Testing Program; or

12 (c) Has attended a home education program according to
13 s. 232.0201 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the
14 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
15 International Baccalaureate Diploma, and has attained at least
16 the score identified by rules of the Department of Education
17 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the
18 Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or
19 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
20 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the American
21 College Testing Program; ~~or~~

22 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
23 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
24 scholar or finalist, but has not completed a program of
25 community service as provided by s. 240.40205.

26 (2) A Florida Merit Scholar is eligible for an award
27 equal to the amount required to pay 75 percent of
28 matriculation and fees, as defined by the department, if the
29 student is enrolled in a public postsecondary education
30 institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic
31 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award

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

4 (3) To be eligible for ~~a~~ renewal or restoration ~~award~~
5 as a Florida Merit Scholar, a student must meet the
6 requirements of s. 240.40203 and the ~~maintain the equivalent~~
7 ~~of a~~ grade point average requirement of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale,
8 or the equivalent, for all postsecondary education work
9 attempted. A student may have, ~~with~~ an opportunity for
10 ~~reinstatement~~ one restoration time as provided in this act.

11 Section 23. Section 240.40207, Florida Statutes, is
12 amended to read:

13 240.40207 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars
14 award.--The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is
15 created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
16 to recognize and reward academic achievement and vocational
17 preparation by high school students who wish to continue their
18 education.

19 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
20 Vocational Scholars award if the student meets the general
21 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
22 Scholarship Program and the student:

23 (a) Successfully ~~completes the secondary school~~
24 ~~portion of a sequential program of studies that requires at~~
25 least three secondary school vocational credits in one program
26 of study identified by the Department of Education ~~taken over~~
27 ~~at least 2 academic years, and is continued in a planned,~~
28 ~~related postsecondary education program. If the student's~~
29 ~~school does not offer such a two-plus-two or tech-prep~~
30 ~~program, the student must complete a job-preparatory career~~
31 ~~education program selected by the Occupational Forecasting~~

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1 ~~Conference or the Workforce Development Board of Enterprise~~
2 ~~Florida for its ability to provide high-wage employment in an~~
3 ~~occupation with high potential for employment opportunities.~~

4 On-the-job training may not be substituted for any of the
5 three required vocational credits.

6 (b) Demonstrates readiness for postsecondary education
7 by earning a passing score on the Florida College Entry Level
8 Placement Test or its equivalent as identified by the
9 Department of Education.

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

14 (d) Earns a minimum unweighted grade point average of
15 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for secondary vocational courses comprising
16 the vocational program.

17 ~~(e) Completes the requirements of a vocational-ready~~
18 ~~diploma program, as defined by rules of the State Board of~~
19 ~~Education.~~

20 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible
21 for an award equal to the amount required to pay 75 percent of
22 matriculation and fees, as defined by the Department of
23 Education, if the student is enrolled in a public
24 postsecondary education institution. A student who is enrolled
25 in a nonpublic postsecondary education institution is eligible
26 for an award equal to the amount that would be required to pay
27 75 percent of the matriculation and mandatory fees of a public
28 postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.

29 (3) To be eligible for a renewal or restoration award
30 as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must meet
31 the requirements of s. 240.40203 and the ~~maintain the~~

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1 ~~equivalent of a grade point average requirement~~ of 2.75 on a
2 4.0 scale, ~~or the equivalent,~~ for all postsecondary education
3 work attempted. A student may have, ~~with~~ an opportunity for
4 ~~reinstatement~~ one restoration time as provided in this act.

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

16 (5) Beginning with the fall term of 2002, a Florida
17 Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award may not be used at an
18 institution that grants baccalaureate degrees unless the award
19 is a renewal of an initial award issued prior to the fall term
20 of 2002, or as otherwise provided for in this section.

21 (6) Upon successful completion of an an associate
22 degree program, an award recipient who meets the renewal
23 criteria in subsection (3) and enrolls in a 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. If the student receives an associate degree prior to
28 the end of an academic year and enrolls in the baccalaureate
29 degree program during a subsequent term of the same academic
30 year, the student may continue to receive the Gold Seal
31 Scholars award for the duration of that academic year. If

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1 necessary, the department may provide an exception to the
 2 90-semester-hour limit, or the equivalent, through the end of
 3 that academic year. Other than initial eligibility criteria,
 4 all other requirements of the Florida Merit Scholars award
 5 apply to a student who transfers to that program under this
 6 section. The credit-hour limitation must be calculated by
 7 subtracting from the student's total eligibility the number of
 8 credit hours for which the student has already received
 9 funding under the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

10 (7) If a Florida Gold Seal Scholar received an initial
 11 Gold Seal Scholars award prior to the fall term of 2002 and
 12 has a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 in all
 13 postsecondary education work attempted, the Department of
 14 Education may transfer the student to the Florida Merit
 15 Scholars award component of the Bright Futures Scholarship
 16 Program during any renewal period. All other provisions of
 17 that program apply, and the credit-hour limitation must be
 18 calculated by subtracting from the student's total eligibility
 19 the number of credit hours for which the student has already
 20 received funding under the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

21 Section 24. Section 240.40209, Florida Statutes, is
 22 amended to read:

23 240.40209 Bright Futures Scholarship recipients
 24 attending nonpublic institutions; calculation of
 25 awards.--Notwithstanding ss. 240.40201, 240.40205, 240.40206,
 26 and 240.40207, a student who receives any award under the
 27 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, who is enrolled in
 28 a nonpublic postsecondary education institution, and who is
 29 assessed tuition and fees that are the same as those of a
 30 full-time student at that institution, shall receive a fixed
 31 award calculated by using the average matriculation and fee

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1 calculation, as defined by the Department of Education, for
2 full-time attendance at a public postsecondary educational
3 ~~education~~ institution at the comparable level. If the student
4 is enrolled part-time and is assessed tuition and fees at a
5 reduced level, the award shall be either one-half of the
6 maximum award or three-fourths of the maximum award, depending
7 on the level of fees assessed.

8 Section 25. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
9 240.404, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 240.404 General requirements for student eligibility
11 for state financial aid.--

12 (1)(a) The general requirements for eligibility of
13 students for state financial aid awards consist of the
14 following:

15 1. Achievement of the academic requirements of and
16 acceptance at a state university or community college; a
17 nursing diploma school approved by the Florida Board of
18 Nursing; a Florida college, university, or community college
19 which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the
20 United States Department of Education ~~a member of the~~
21 ~~Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation~~; any
22 Florida institution the credits of which are acceptable for
23 transfer to state universities; any area technical center; or
24 any private vocational-technical institution accredited by an
25 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department
26 of Education ~~a member of the Commission on Recognition of~~
27 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation~~.

28 2.a. Residency in this state for no less than 1 year
29 preceding the award of aid for a program established pursuant
30 to s. 240.409, s. 240.4095, s. 240.4097, s. 240.412, s.
31 240.4125, s. 240.413, s. 240.4987, s. 240.605, or s. 240.606.

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1 Residency in this state must be for purposes other than to
2 obtain an education. Resident status for purposes of receiving
3 state financial aid awards shall be determined in the same
4 manner as resident status for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
5 240.1201 and rules of the State Board of Education.

6 b. A person who has been properly classified as a
7 resident by a postsecondary institution for initial receipt of
8 state-funded student financial assistance and has been
9 determined eligible to participate in a financial assistance
10 program may continue to qualify as a resident for state-funded
11 financial aid programs if he or she maintains continuous
12 enrollment at the postsecondary institution, with no break in
13 enrollment greater than 12 consecutive months.

14 3. Submission of certification attesting to the
15 accuracy, completeness, and correctness of information
16 provided to demonstrate a student's eligibility to receive
17 state financial aid awards. Falsification of such information
18 shall result in the denial of any pending application and
19 revocation of any award currently held to the extent that no
20 further payments shall be made. Additionally, students who
21 knowingly make false statements in order to receive state
22 financial aid awards shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the
23 second degree subject to the provisions of s. 837.06 and shall
24 be required to return all state financial aid awards
25 wrongfully obtained.

26 Section 26. Subsection (3) of section 240.4064,
27 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 240.4064 Critical teacher shortage tuition
29 reimbursement program.--

30 (3) Participants may receive tuition reimbursement
31 payments for up to 9 semester hours, or the equivalent in

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1 quarter hours, per year, at a rate not to exceed ~~\$115~~^{\$78} per
 2 semester hour, up to a total of 36 semester hours. All
 3 tuition reimbursements shall be contingent on passing an
 4 approved course with a minimum grade of 3.0 or its equivalent.

5 Section 27. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and
 6 subsection (6) of section 240.412, Florida Statutes, are
 7 amended to read:

8 240.412 Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant
 9 Program.--

10 (5)(a) In order to be eligible to receive a
 11 scholarship pursuant to this section, an applicant shall:

12 1. Be a Hispanic-American, or a person of Spanish
 13 culture with origins in Mexico, South America, Central
 14 America, or the Caribbean, regardless of race.

15 2. Be a citizen of the United States and meet the
 16 general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.
 17 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this section.

18 3. Be accepted at a state university or community
 19 college or any Florida college or university accredited by an
 20 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department
 21 of Education ~~a member of the Commission on Recognition of~~
 22 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation~~ the credits of which are
 23 acceptable without qualification for transfer to state
 24 universities.

25 4. Enroll as a full-time undergraduate ~~or graduate~~
 26 student.

27 5. Earn a 3.0 unweighted grade point average on a 4.0
 28 scale, or the equivalent for high school subjects creditable
 29 toward a diploma. ~~If an applicant applies as a graduate~~
 30 ~~student, he or she shall have earned a 3.0 cumulative grade~~
 31 ~~point average for undergraduate college-level courses.~~

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1 (6) The annual scholarship to each recipient shall be
2 \$2,000. Priority in the distribution of scholarships shall be
3 given to students with the lowest total family resources.
4 Renewal scholarships shall take precedence over new awards in
5 any year in which funds are not sufficient to meet the total
6 need. No undergraduate student shall receive an award for
7 more than the equivalent of 8 semesters or 12 quarters over a
8 period of no more than 6 consecutive years, except as
9 otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3). ~~No graduate student shall~~
10 ~~receive an award for more than the equivalent of 4 semesters~~
11 ~~or 6 quarters.~~

12 Section 28. Subsection (2) of section 240.413, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 240.413 Seminole and Miccosukee Indian Scholarships.--

15 (2) Scholarships shall be awarded by the department to
16 students who:

17 (a) Have graduated from high school, have earned an
18 equivalency diploma issued by the Department of Education
19 pursuant to s. 229.814, have earned an equivalency diploma
20 issued by the United States Armed Forces Institute, or have
21 been accepted through an early admission program;

22 (b) Are enrolled at a state university or community
23 college authorized by Florida law; a nursing diploma school
24 approved by the Board of Nursing; any Florida college,
25 university, or community college which is accredited by an
26 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department
27 of Education ~~a member of the Commission on Recognition of~~
28 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation~~; or any Florida institution the
29 credits of which are acceptable for transfer to state
30 universities;

31 (c) Are enrolled as either full-time or part-time

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1 undergraduate or graduate students and make satisfactory
2 academic progress as defined by the college or university;

3 (d) Have been recommended by the Seminole Tribe of
4 Florida or the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida; and

5 (e) Meet the general requirements for student
6 eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise
7 provided in this section.

8 Section 29. Subsection (6) of section 240.437, Florida
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 240.437 Student financial aid planning and
11 development.--

12 (6) Any ~~Effective July 1, 1992, all new and existing~~
13 financial assistance programs authorized by state law that are
14 administered by the Bureau of Student Financial Assistance of
15 the Department of Education, and that ~~under this part which~~
16 are not funded for 3 consecutive years after enactment shall
17 stand repealed. Financial aid programs provided under this
18 part on July 1, 1992, which lose funding for 3 consecutive
19 years shall stand repealed. The Bureau ~~Office~~ of Student
20 Financial Assistance of the Department of Education shall
21 annually review the legislative appropriation of financial aid
22 to identify such programs.

23 Section 30. Subsection (5) of section 240.465, Florida
24 Statutes, is repealed.

25 Section 31. Subsection (13) of section 240.472,
26 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 240.472 Definitions.--As used in this act:

28 (13) "Institution" means any college or university
29 which, by virtue of law or charter, is accredited by an
30 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department
31 of Education ~~and holds membership in the Commission on~~

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1 ~~Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation~~; which grants
2 baccalaureate or associate degrees; which is not a pervasively
3 sectarian institution; and which does not discriminate in the
4 admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion,
5 sex, or creed.

6 Section 32. Subsection (1) of section 295.01, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 295.01 Children of deceased or disabled veterans;
9 education.--

10 (1) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the
11 state to provide educational opportunity at state expense for
12 dependent children either of whose parents was a resident of
13 the state at the time such parent entered the Armed Forces,
14 had been a bona fide resident of the state for 5 years
15 preceding the child's application for benefits under this
16 section, and who:

17 (a) Died in that service or from injuries sustained or
18 disease contracted during a period of wartime service as
19 defined in s. 1.01(14) or has died since or may hereafter die
20 from diseases or disability resulting from such war service,
21 or

22 (b) Participated during a period of wartime service,
23 as provided for in this chapter, and has been:

24 1. Determined by the United States Department of
25 Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a
26 service-connected 100-percent total and permanent disability
27 rating for compensation,

28 2. Determined to have a service-connected total and
29 permanent disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt
30 of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United
31 States Armed Services, or

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1 3. Issued a valid identification card by the
 2 Department of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with s. 295.17,
 3
 4 ~~when the parents of such children have been bona fide~~
 5 ~~residents of the state for 5 years next preceding their~~
 6 ~~application for the benefits hereof, and subject to the rules,~~
 7 ~~restrictions, and limitations hereof.~~

8 Section 33. Section 295.02, Florida Statutes, is
 9 amended to read:

10 295.02 Use of funds; age, etc.--

11 (1) All sums appropriated and expended under this
 12 chapter shall be used to pay tuition and registration fees, as
 13 defined by the Department of Education; board; and room rent
 14 and to buy books and supplies for the children of:

15 (a) Deceased or disabled veterans or service members,
 16 as defined and limited in s. 295.01, s. 295.016, s. 295.017,
 17 s. 295.018, or s. 295.0195, ~~or of~~

18 (b) Parents classified as prisoners of war or missing
 19 in action, as defined and limited in s. 295.015.

20 (2) Such children must be ~~who are~~ between the ages of
 21 16 and 22 years, and who are in attendance at:

22 (a) A state-supported institution of higher learning,
 23 including a community college or vocational-technical school,
 24 or

25 (b) Any postsecondary institution eligible to
 26 participate in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship program.

27
 28 A student attending an eligible private postsecondary
 29 institution may receive an award equivalent to the average
 30 matriculation and fees calculated for full-time attendance at
 31 a public postsecondary institution at the comparable level.

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1 Any child having entered upon a course of training or
2 education under the provisions of this chapter, consisting of
3 a course of not more than 4 years, and arriving at the age of
4 22 years before the completion of such course may continue the
5 course and receive all benefits of the provisions of this
6 chapter until the course is completed. The Department of
7 Education shall administer this educational program subject to
8 regulations of the department. The State Board of Education is
9 authorized to adopt rules to implement this program.

10 Section 34. Sections 228.502, 240.40242, and 240.6055,
11 Florida Statutes, are repealed.

12 Section 35. Paragraph (r) of subsection (1) of section
13 246.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 246.041 Powers and duties of board.--

15 (1) The board shall:

16 (r) Provide information and documentation on an annual
17 basis to the Office of Student Financial Assistance of the
18 Department of Education regarding the requirements set forth
19 for nonpublic colleges in s. 240.605, relating to William L.
20 Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grants, ~~s. 240.6055,~~
21 ~~relating to access grants for community college graduates,~~ and
22 s. 240.609, relating to Florida postsecondary endowment
23 grants.

24 Section 36. Section 240.409, Florida Statutes, is
25 amended to read:

26 240.409 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant
27 Program; eligibility for grants.--

28 (1) There is hereby created a Florida Public Student
29 Assistance Grant Program. The program shall be administered by
30 the participating institutions in accordance with rules of the
31 state board.

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1 assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell
2 Grant. The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when
3 conducting an assessment of the financial resources available
4 to each student.

5 (c) Priority in the distribution of grant moneys shall
6 be given to students with the lowest total family resources,
7 in accordance with a nationally recognized system of need
8 analysis. Using the system of need analysis, the department
9 shall establish a maximum expected family contribution. An
10 institution may not make a grant from this program to a
11 student whose expected family contribution exceeds the level
12 established by the department. An institution may not impose
13 additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility to
14 receive a grant award.

15 (d) Each participating institution shall report, to
16 the department by the established date, the eligible students
17 to whom grant moneys are disbursed each academic term and
18 indicate whether or not the student met the application
19 deadline established pursuant to subsection (2). Each
20 institution shall also report to the department necessary
21 demographic and eligibility data for such students.

22 ~~(5)~~⁽³⁾ Based on the unmet financial need of an
23 eligible applicant, the amount of a Florida public student
24 assistance grant must be between \$200 and the weighted average
25 of the cost of matriculation and other registration fees for
26 30 credit hours at state universities per academic year or the
27 amount specified in the General Appropriations Act.

28 ~~(6)~~⁽⁴⁾(a) The funds appropriated for the Florida
29 Public Student Assistance Grant shall be distributed to
30 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula recommended
31 by the Department of Education's Florida Council of Student

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1 Financial Aid Advisors and reviewed by the Postsecondary
2 Education Planning Commission, the State Board of Community
3 Colleges, and the Board of Regents. The formula shall consider
4 at least the prior year's distribution of funds to award
5 recipients who met the application deadline, the number of
6 full-time eligible applicants who met the application deadline
7 who did not receive awards, the standardization of the
8 expected family contribution, and provisions for unused funds.

9 (b) Payment of Florida public student assistance
10 grants shall be transmitted to the president of the state
11 university or community college, or to his or her
12 representative, in advance of the registration period.
13 Institutions shall notify students of the amount of their
14 awards.

15 (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive
16 a disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of
17 the end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a
18 drop-add period. Institutions shall not be required to
19 reevaluate a student's eligibility status after this date for
20 purposes of changing eligibility determinations previously
21 made.

22 (d) Institutions shall certify to the department the
23 amount of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to
24 the department any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each
25 year.

26 (7)~~(5)~~ Funds appropriated by the Legislature for state
27 student assistance grants shall be deposited in the State
28 Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding the
29 provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any
30 balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year that
31 has been allocated to the Florida Public Student Assistance

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1 Grant Program shall remain therein and shall be available for
2 carrying out the purposes of this section.

3 ~~(8)(6)~~ The State Board of Education shall establish
4 rules necessary to implement this section.

5 Section 37. Section 240.4095, Florida Statutes, is
6 amended to read:

7 240.4095 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant
8 Program; eligibility for grants.--

9 (1) There is hereby created a Florida Private Student
10 Assistance Grant Program. The program shall be administered by
11 the participating institutions in accordance with rules of the
12 state board.

13 (2) The department is directed to establish an initial
14 application deadline for funds administered pursuant to this
15 section.

16 (3) Using the priorities established in this section
17 and in s. 240.4099, institutions shall first award funds
18 administered pursuant to this section to students who meet the
19 initial application deadline established pursuant to
20 subsection (2). An institution may, at its discretion, award
21 any remaining funds from this program to students who apply
22 after the deadline date and who are otherwise eligible
23 pursuant to this section.

24 (4)(a) Florida private student assistance grants from
25 the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund may be made
26 only to ~~full-time~~ degree-seeking students who enroll in at
27 least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per term and who
28 meet the general requirements for student eligibility as
29 provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this
30 section. Such grants shall be awarded for the amount of
31 demonstrated unmet need for tuition and fees and may not

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1 exceed an amount equal to the average matriculation and other
2 registration fees for 30 credit hours at state universities
3 plus \$1,000 per academic year, or as specified in the General
4 Appropriations Act, to any applicant. A demonstrated unmet
5 need of less than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible
6 for a Florida private student assistance grant. Recipients of
7 such grants must have been accepted at a
8 baccalaureate-degree-granting independent nonprofit college or
9 university, which is accredited by the Commission on Colleges
10 of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and which
11 is located in and chartered as a domestic corporation by the
12 state. No student may receive an award for more than the
13 equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time
14 enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3).

15 (b) A student applying for a Florida private student
16 assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell
17 Grant. The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when
18 conducting an assessment of the financial resources available
19 to each student.

20 (c) Priority in the distribution of grant moneys shall
21 be given to students with the lowest total family resources,
22 in accordance with a nationally recognized system of need
23 analysis. Using the system of need analysis, the department
24 shall establish a maximum expected family contribution. An
25 institution may not make a grant from this program to a
26 student whose expected family contribution exceeds the level
27 established by the department. An institution may not impose
28 additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility to
29 receive a grant award.

30 (d) Each participating institution shall report, to
31 the department by the established date, the eligible students

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1 to whom grant moneys are disbursed each academic term and
2 indicate whether or not the student met the application
3 deadline established pursuant to subsection (2). Each
4 institution shall also report to the department necessary
5 demographic and eligibility data for such students.

6 (5)~~(3)~~ Based on the unmet financial need of an
7 eligible applicant, the amount of a Florida private student
8 assistance grant must be between \$200 and the average cost of
9 matriculation and other registration fees for 30 credit hours
10 at state universities plus \$1,000 per academic year or the
11 amount specified in the General Appropriations Act.

12 (6)~~(4)~~(a) The funds appropriated for the Florida
13 Private Student Assistance Grant shall be distributed to
14 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula recommended
15 by the Department of Education's Florida Council of Student
16 Financial Aid Advisors and reviewed by the Postsecondary
17 Education Planning Commission and the Independent Colleges and
18 Universities of Florida. The formula shall consider at least
19 the prior year's distribution of funds to award recipients who
20 met the application deadline, the number of ~~full-time~~ eligible
21 applicants who met the application deadline who did not
22 receive awards, the standardization of the expected family
23 contribution, and provisions for unused funds.

24 (b) Payment of Florida private student assistance
25 grants shall be transmitted to the president of the college or
26 university, or to his or her representative, in advance of the
27 registration period. Institutions shall notify students of the
28 amount of their awards.

29 (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive
30 a disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of
31 the end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a

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1 drop-add period. Institutions shall not be required to
2 reevaluate a student's eligibility status after this date for
3 purposes of changing eligibility determinations previously
4 made.

5 (d) Institutions shall certify to the department the
6 amount of funds disbursed to each student, indicate whether or
7 not the student met the application deadline established
8 pursuant to subsection (2), and shall remit to the department
9 any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each year.

10 (e) Each institution that receives moneys through the
11 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program shall cause
12 to be prepared a biennial report that includes an independent
13 external audit of the institution's administration of the
14 program and a complete accounting of moneys in the State
15 Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund allocated to the
16 institution for the program. Such report shall be submitted to
17 the department on or before March 1 every other year. The
18 department may conduct its own annual or biennial audit of an
19 institution's administration of the program and its allocated
20 funds in lieu of the required biennial report and independent
21 external audit. The department may suspend or revoke an
22 institution's eligibility to receive future moneys from the
23 trust fund for the program or request a refund of any moneys
24 overpaid to the institution through the trust fund for the
25 program if the department finds that an institution has not
26 complied with the provisions of this section. Any refund
27 requested pursuant to this paragraph shall be remitted within
28 60 days.

29 ~~(7)(5)~~ Funds appropriated by the Legislature for
30 Florida private student assistance grants shall be deposited
31 in the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund.

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1 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to
2 s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any
3 fiscal year that has been allocated to the Florida Private
4 Student Assistance Grant Program shall remain therein and
5 shall be available for carrying out the purposes of this
6 section and as otherwise provided by law.

7 (8)~~(6)~~ The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
8 necessary to implement this section.

9 Section 38. Section 240.4097, Florida Statutes, is
10 amended to read:

11 240.4097 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance
12 Grant Program; eligibility for grants.--

13 (1) There is hereby created a Florida Postsecondary
14 Student Assistance Grant Program. The program shall be
15 administered by the participating institutions in accordance
16 with rules of the state board.

17 (2) The department is directed to establish an initial
18 application deadline for funds administered pursuant to this
19 section.

20 (3) Using the priorities established in this section
21 and s. 240.4099, institutions shall first award funds
22 administered pursuant to this section to students who meet the
23 initial application deadline established pursuant to
24 subsection (2). An institution may, at its discretion, award
25 any remaining funds from this program to students who apply
26 after the deadline date and who are otherwise eligible
27 pursuant to this section.

28 (4)(a) Florida postsecondary student assistance grants
29 through the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund may
30 be made only to ~~full-time~~ degree-seeking students who enroll
31 in at least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per term and

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1 who meet the general requirements for student eligibility as
2 provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this
3 section. Such grants shall be awarded for the amount of
4 demonstrated unmet need for tuition and fees and may not
5 exceed an amount equal to the average prior academic year cost
6 of matriculation and other registration fees for 30 credit
7 hours at state universities plus \$1,000 per academic year, or
8 as specified in the General Appropriations Act, to any
9 applicant. A demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 shall
10 render the applicant ineligible for a Florida postsecondary
11 student assistance grant. Recipients of such grants must have
12 been accepted at a postsecondary institution that is located
13 in the state and that is:

- 14 1. A private nursing diploma school approved by the
15 Florida Board of Nursing; or
- 16 2. An institution either licensed by the State Board
17 of Independent Colleges and Universities or exempt from
18 licensure pursuant to s. 246.085(1)(a), excluding those
19 institutions the students of which are eligible to receive a
20 Florida private student assistance grant pursuant to s.
21 240.4095.

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23 No student may receive an award for more than the equivalent
24 of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except
25 as otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3).

26 (b) A student applying for a Florida postsecondary
27 student assistance grant shall be required to apply for the
28 Pell Grant. The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered
29 when conducting an assessment of the financial resources
30 available to each student.

31 (c) Priority in the distribution of grant moneys shall

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1 be given to students with the lowest total family resources,
2 in accordance with a nationally recognized system of need
3 analysis. Using the system of need analysis, the department
4 shall establish a maximum expected family contribution. An
5 institution may not make a grant from this program to a
6 student whose expected family contribution exceeds the level
7 established by the department. An institution may not impose
8 additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility to
9 receive a grant award.

10 (d) Each participating institution shall report, to
11 the department by the established date, the eligible students
12 to whom grant moneys are disbursed each academic term and
13 indicate whether or not the student met the application
14 deadline established pursuant to subsection (2). Each
15 institution shall also report to the department necessary
16 demographic and eligibility data for such students.

17 ~~(5)(3)~~ Based on the unmet financial need of an
18 eligible applicant, the amount of a Florida postsecondary
19 student assistance grant must be between \$200 and the average
20 cost of matriculation and other registration fees for 30
21 credit hours at state universities plus \$1,000 per academic
22 year or the amount specified in the General Appropriations
23 Act.

24 ~~(6)(4)~~(a) The funds appropriated for the Florida
25 Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant shall be distributed to
26 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula recommended
27 by the Department of Education's Florida Council of Student
28 Financial Aid Advisors and reviewed by the Postsecondary
29 Education Planning Commission and the Florida Association of
30 Postsecondary Schools and Colleges. The formula shall consider
31 at least the prior year's distribution of funds to award

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1 recipients who met the application deadline, the number of
2 ~~full-time~~ eligible applicants who met the application deadline
3 who did not receive awards, the standardization of the
4 expected family contribution, and provisions for unused funds.

5 (b) Payment of Florida postsecondary student
6 assistance grants shall be transmitted to the president of the
7 eligible institution, or to his or her representative, in
8 advance of the registration period. Institutions shall notify
9 students of the amount of their awards.

10 (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive
11 a disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of
12 the end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a
13 drop-add period. Institutions shall not be required to
14 reevaluate a student's eligibility status after this date for
15 purposes of changing eligibility determinations previously
16 made.

17 (d) Institutions shall certify to the department the
18 amount of funds disbursed to each student, indicate whether or
19 not the student met the application deadline established
20 pursuant to subsection (2), and shall remit to the department
21 any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each year.

22 (e) Each institution that receives moneys through the
23 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program shall
24 cause to be prepared a biennial report that includes an
25 independent external audit of the institution's administration
26 of the program and a complete accounting of moneys in the
27 State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund allocated to the
28 institution for the program. Such report shall be submitted
29 to the department on or before March 1 every other year. The
30 department may conduct its own annual or biennial audit of an
31 institution's administration of the program and its allocated

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1 funds in lieu of the required biennial report and independent
2 external audit. The department may suspend or revoke an
3 institution's eligibility to receive future moneys from the
4 trust fund for the program or request a refund of any moneys
5 overpaid to the institution through the trust fund for the
6 program if the department finds that an institution has not
7 complied with the provisions of this section. Any refund
8 requested pursuant to this paragraph shall be remitted within
9 60 days.

10 (7)~~(5)~~ Any institution that was eligible to receive
11 state student assistance grants on January 1, 1989, and that
12 is not eligible to receive grants pursuant to s. 240.4095 is
13 eligible to receive grants pursuant to this section.

14 (8)~~(6)~~ Funds appropriated by the Legislature for
15 Florida postsecondary student assistance grants shall be
16 deposited in the State Student Financial Assistance Trust
17 Fund. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and
18 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the
19 end of any fiscal year that has been allocated to the Florida
20 Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program shall remain
21 therein and shall be available for carrying out the purposes
22 of this section and as otherwise provided by law.

23 (9)~~(7)~~ The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
24 necessary to implement this section.

25 Section 39. Section 240.4099, Florida Statutes, is
26 created to read:

27 240.4099 Florida student assistance grant programs;
28 priority for receiving grants.--In addition to priorities and
29 criteria for the distribution of Florida student assistance
30 grant program funds established in ss. 240.409, 240.4095, and
31 240.4097, priority in the distribution of grant money to

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1 eligible initial applicants shall be given in the following
2 order:

3 (1) To full-time students with financial need who
4 graduate from Florida public high schools, who have completed
5 the high school courses that are adopted by the Board of
6 Regents and recommended by the State Board of Community
7 Colleges as college-preparatory courses, and who rank in the
8 top 20 percent of their high school graduating class. Class
9 rank shall be determined by the Department of Education.

10 (2) To other full-time students with financial need.

11 (3) To part-time students with financial need, if
12 funds are remaining. However, awards to full-time students are
13 not to be reduced to accomplish this purpose.

14 Section 40. Subsection (3) of section 240.404, Florida
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 240.404 General requirements for student eligibility
17 for state financial aid.--

18 (3) Undergraduate students shall be eligible to
19 receive financial aid for a maximum of 110 percent of the
20 number of credit hours required to complete the program, up to
21 a maximum of 132 credit hours, or the equivalent 8 semesters
22 or 12 quarters. However, undergraduate students participating
23 in college-preparatory instruction, students requiring
24 additional time to complete the college-level communication
25 and computation skills testing programs, or students enrolled
26 in a 5-year undergraduate degree program shall be eligible to
27 receive financial aid for a maximum of 10 semesters or 15
28 quarters.

29 Section 41. The Division of Statutory Revision of the
30 Office of Legislative Services is directed to prepare a
31 reviser's bill for introduction at the 2001 Regular Session of

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1 the Legislature to change "Florida Merit Scholarship" to
2 "Florida Medallion Scholarship" and to change "Florida Merit
3 Scholar" to "Florida Medallion Scholar," effective for the
4 2002-2003 school year.

5 Section 42. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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8 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

9 And the title is amended as follows:

10 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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12 and insert:

13 A bill to be entitled

14 An act relating to postsecondary education
15 institutions; amending s. 239.115, F.S.;
16 establishing legislative intent that funding
17 formulas not penalize institutions for certain
18 actions; providing an assurance that no
19 institutions be required to lower fees;
20 amending s. 239.117, F.S., relating to
21 workforce development postsecondary student
22 fees; revising a limitation on the total value
23 of fee waivers; revising the date by which the
24 Commissioner of Education must provide a fee
25 schedule; deleting obsolete language; requiring
26 each school board or community college district
27 board of trustees to determine the method for
28 distributing certain awards; deleting a
29 provision that limits technology fees to
30 associate degree programs and courses;
31 authorizing school boards and community college

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1 boards of trustees to establish technology and
2 financial aid fees; amending s. 239.213, F.S.,
3 relating to vocational preparatory instruction;
4 requiring students who enroll in certificate
5 career education programs of 450 hours or more
6 to complete an entry-level examination within a
7 certain period of time; revising provisions
8 relating to exceptional students to conform
9 with federal requirements; amending s. 239.514,
10 F.S., relating to the workforce development
11 capitalization incentive grant program;
12 authorizing the use of such funds to upgrade
13 workforce development programs; amending s.
14 240.1201, F.S.; authorizing the State Board of
15 Education to classify students as residents or
16 nonresidents for tuition purposes; amending ss.
17 240.152 and 240.153, F.S.; conforming
18 provisions relating to students with
19 disabilities with federal requirements;
20 requiring the State Board of Education to
21 define "physical or mental impairment" by rule;
22 amending s. 240.311, F.S.; revising the role of
23 the State Board of Community Colleges in
24 rulemaking; providing specific rulemaking
25 authority; amending s. 240.321, F.S.; deleting
26 requirements regarding the provision of
27 information on remediation courses; amending s.
28 240.325, F.S.; requiring the State Board of
29 Community Colleges, rather than the State Board
30 of Education, to adopt rules; requiring the
31 adoption of rules to address accreditation,

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1 student withdrawal, and grade forgiveness;
2 amending s. 240.3341, F.S.; authorizing
3 community colleges to lease incubator
4 facilities; deleting obsolete language;
5 amending s. 240.35, F.S., relating to student
6 fees; deleting obsolete and redundant language;
7 amending s. 240.359, F.S.; prohibiting the
8 inclusion of certain hours in calculations of
9 full-time equivalent enrollments; eliminating
10 provisions relating to funding for the category
11 of lifelong learning; providing one year
12 performance exemptions for new and expanded
13 workforce development programs; amending s.
14 231.621, F.S.; deleting the requirement that
15 repayment of a Critical Teacher Shortage
16 Student Loan be made directly to the holder of
17 the loan; amending s. 240.40201, F.S.; revising
18 general student eligibility requirements for
19 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship;
20 amending s. 240.40202, F.S.; revising student
21 eligibility provisions for initial award of a
22 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship; amending s.
23 240.40203, F.S.; providing for renewal,
24 reinstatement, and restoration of an award;
25 amending s. 240.40204, F.S.; revising
26 accreditation requirements for postsecondary
27 education institution participation in the
28 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
29 amending s. 240.40205, F.S., relating to the
30 Florida Academic Scholars award; requiring the
31 Department of Education to define matriculation

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1 and fees for purposes of the award; clarifying
2 provisions relating to renewal and
3 reinstatement of an award; revising the amount
4 awarded to the Florida Academic Scholar with
5 the highest academic ranking; amending s.
6 240.40206, F.S., relating to the Florida Merit
7 Scholars award; authorizing the participation
8 of students who have been recognized by the
9 merit or achievement programs of the National
10 Merit Scholarship Corporation as a scholar or
11 finalist, but have not completed a program of
12 community service; requiring the Department of
13 Education to define matriculation and fees for
14 purposes of the award; clarifying provisions
15 relating to renewal and reinstatement of an
16 award; providing a cross-reference; amending s.
17 240.40207, F.S., relating to the Florida Gold
18 Seal Vocational Scholars award; revising
19 student eligibility requirements; requiring the
20 Department of Education to define matriculation
21 and fees for purposes of the award; clarifying
22 provisions relating to renewal and restoration
23 of an award; limiting the use of a Florida Gold
24 Seal Vocational Scholars award at an
25 institution that grants baccalaureate degrees;
26 revising provisions relating to transfer to the
27 Florida Merit Scholars award program; providing
28 for determination of the credit hour
29 limitation; amending s. 240.40209, F.S.,
30 relating to the calculation of awards of Bright
31 Futures Scholarship recipients attending

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1 nonpublic institutions; requiring the
2 Department of Education to define matriculation
3 and fees for purposes of the award; amending s.
4 240.404, F.S., relating to general requirements
5 for student eligibility for state financial
6 aid; revising accreditation requirements for
7 postsecondary education institution
8 participation; requiring that to remain
9 eligible, a student not have a break in
10 enrollment greater than 12 months; amending s.
11 240.4064, F.S., relating to the critical
12 teacher shortage tuition reimbursement program;
13 increasing the rate of tuition reimbursement;
14 amending s. 240.412, F.S., relating to the Jose
15 Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program;
16 revising accreditation requirements for
17 postsecondary education institution
18 participation; deleting the requirement that an
19 applicant who applies as a graduate student
20 have earned a 3.0 cumulative grade point
21 average for undergraduate college-level
22 courses; deleting a limitation on the number of
23 semesters or quarters a graduate student may
24 receive the award; amending s. 240.413, F.S.,
25 relating to the Seminole and Miccosukee Indian
26 Scholarships; revising accreditation
27 requirements for postsecondary education
28 institution participation; amending s. 240.437,
29 F.S., relating to student financial aid
30 planning and development; deleting obsolete
31 provisions; clarifying provisions relating to

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1 the repeal of unfunded financial assistance
2 programs; repealing s. 240.465(5), F.S., which
3 prohibits an individual borrower who is in
4 default in making student financial assistance
5 repayments from being furnished with his or her
6 academic transcripts or other student records
7 until such time as the loan is paid in full or
8 the default status has been removed; amending
9 s. 240.472, F.S.; revising the definition of
10 the term "institution" to reflect revised
11 accreditation requirements; amending s. 295.01,
12 F.S., relating to the education of children of
13 deceased or disabled veterans; clarifying
14 student eligibility requirements; amending s.
15 295.02, F.S., relating to use of funds for the
16 education of children of deceased or disabled
17 veterans; requiring the Department of Education
18 to define tuition and registration fees for
19 purposes of award of funds; clarifying student
20 eligibility requirements; providing for the
21 award of funds for attendance at an eligible
22 nonpublic postsecondary institution;
23 authorizing rules of the State Board of
24 Education; repealing s. 228.502, F.S., relating
25 to the Education Success Incentive Program, s.
26 240.40242, F.S., relating to use of certain
27 scholarship funds by children of deceased or
28 disabled veterans, and s. 240.6055, F.S.,
29 relating to access grants for community college
30 graduates; amending s. 246.041, F.S., relating
31 to the powers and duties of the State Board of

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1 Independent Colleges and Universities; removing
2 an obsolete cross-reference; amending s.
3 240.409, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a
4 student attend full-time to be eligible for a
5 state student assistance grant; directing the
6 department to establish an application
7 deadline; requiring the student to enroll in at
8 least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per
9 semester; requiring participating institutions
10 to indicate whether the student met the
11 deadline; creating s. 240.4099, F.S.; providing
12 priority for awarding student assistance
13 grants; amending s. 240.4095, F.S.; directing
14 the department to establish an application
15 deadline; directing participating institutions
16 with regard to awarding of funds; deleting the
17 requirement that a student attend full-time to
18 be eligible for a Florida private student
19 assistance grant; requiring a student to enroll
20 in at least 6 semester hours, or the
21 equivalent, per semester; amending s. 240.4097,
22 F.S.; directing the department to establish an
23 application deadline; directing institutions
24 with regard to awarding of funds; deleting the
25 requirement that a student attend full-time to
26 be eligible for a Florida postsecondary student
27 assistance grant; requiring a student to enroll
28 in at least 6 semester hours, or the
29 equivalent, per semester; amending s. 240.404,
30 F.S.; revising the maximum amount of time an
31 undergraduate student can receive financial

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1 aid; directing the Division of Statutory
2 Revision to prepare a reviser's bill; providing
3 an effective date.
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