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	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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ORIGINAL STAMP BELOW

Representative(s) Casey offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 19, between lines 28 and 29, of the bill

insert:

Section 15. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 231.621, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

231.621 Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program.--

(2) From the funds available, the Department of Education is authorized to make loan principal repayments as follows:

(c) All repayments shall be contingent on continued proof of employment in the designated subject areas in this state ~~and shall be made directly to the holder of the loan.~~

The state shall not bear responsibility for the collection of any interest charges or other remaining balance. In the event that designated critical teacher shortage subject areas are changed by the State Board of Education, a teacher shall continue to be eligible for loan forgiveness as long as he or

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1 she continues to teach in the subject area for which the  
2 original loan repayment was made and otherwise meets all  
3 conditions of eligibility.

4 Section 16. Subsection (1) of section 240.40201,  
5 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

6 240.40201 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
7 Program.--

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

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

25 240.40202 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
26 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.--

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

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

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

5           2. The student earns a high school diploma from a  
6 non-Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who  
7 is on military or public service assignment away from Florida.

8 "Public service assignment," as used in this subparagraph,  
9 means the occupational assignment outside of Florida of a  
10 person who is a permanent resident of Florida and who is  
11 employed by the United States Government or the State of  
12 Florida, a condition of which employment is assignment outside  
13 of Florida.

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

18           (f) Apply for a scholarship from the program by  
19 December 31 after ~~April 1 of the last semester before~~ high  
20 school graduation. There is no application deadline for a  
21 student graduating from a non-Florida school, pursuant to  
22 subparagraph (1)(b)2.

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

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1 applications must be received by the deadline established by  
2 the Department of Education.

3 Section 18. Section 240.40203, Florida Statutes, is  
4 amended to read:

5 240.40203 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
6 student eligibility requirements for renewal, reinstatement,  
7 and restoration awards.--

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

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

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

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

27 2. If, upon renewal evaluation ~~at any time during the~~  
28 ~~eligibility period~~, a student's grades or hours, or both, are  
29 not sufficient ~~insufficient~~ to renew the scholarship, the  
30 student may use grades or hours, or both, earned during the  
31 following summer to renew the scholarship ~~restore eligibility~~

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1 ~~by improving the grade point average to the required level. A~~  
2 ~~student is eligible for such a reinstatement only once. The~~  
3 Legislature encourages education institutions to assist  
4 students to calculate whether or not it is possible to raise  
5 the grade point average during the summer term. If the  
6 institution determines that it is possible, the education  
7 institution may so inform the department, which may reserve  
8 the student's award if funds are available. The renewal,  
9 however, must not be granted until the student achieves the  
10 required cumulative grade point average and earns the required  
11 number of hours. If, during the summer term, a student does  
12 not earn is not sufficient hours or to raise the grade point  
13 average to the required renewal level, the student will not be  
14 eligible for an award student's next opportunity for renewal  
15 is the fall semester of the following academic year.

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

24 (c) Restoration applies to students who lost  
25 scholarship eligibility due to a low renewal grade point  
26 average, but earned the required grade point average in a  
27 subsequent academic year, and who may apply to receive awards  
28 in the future. For restoration, a student who did not meet  
29 renewal requirements during a prior evaluation period may  
30 restore eligibility by meeting the required grade point  
31 average during a subsequent renewal evaluation period. A

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1 student is eligible to receive such restoration only once.  
2 The student must submit an application for restoration by the  
3 deadline established by the Department of Education.

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

19 Section 19. Subsection (2) of section 240.40204,  
20 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

29 (2) An independent Florida college or university that  
30 ~~is accredited by a member of the Commission on Recognition of~~  
31 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation and which~~ has operated in the

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1 state for at least 3 years and is accredited by an accrediting  
 2 agency recognized by the United States Department of  
 3 Education.

4 Section 20. Subsections (2), (3), and (4) of section  
 5 240.40205, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

6 240.40205 Florida Academic Scholars award.--

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

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

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

30 Section 21. Section 240.40206, Florida Statutes, is  
 31 amended to read:

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1           240.40206 Florida Merit Scholars award.--  
2           (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Merit Scholars  
3 award if the student meets the general eligibility  
4 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
5 Program and the student:  
6           (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0  
7 as calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, or the equivalent, in  
8 high school courses that are adopted by the Board of Regents  
9 and recommended by the State Board of Community Colleges as  
10 college-preparatory academic courses; and  
11           (b) Has attained at least the score identified by  
12 rules of the Department of Education on the combined verbal  
13 and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the  
14 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic  
15 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an  
16 equivalent score on the American College Testing Program; or  
17           (c) Has attended a home education program according to  
18 s. 232.0201 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the  
19 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the  
20 International Baccalaureate Diploma, and has attained at least  
21 the score identified by rules of the Department of Education  
22 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the  
23 Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or  
24 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College  
25 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the American  
26 College Testing Program; or-.  
27           (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement  
28 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a  
29 scholar or finalist, but has not completed a program of  
30 community service as provided by s. 240.40205.  
31           (2) A Florida Merit Scholar is eligible for an award



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1 equal to the amount required to pay 75 percent of  
 2 matriculation and fees, as defined by the department, if the  
 3 student is enrolled in a public postsecondary education  
 4 institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic  
 5 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award  
 6 equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent  
 7 of the matriculation and fees of a public postsecondary  
 8 education institution at the comparable level.

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

16 Section 22. Section 240.40207, Florida Statutes, is  
 17 amended to read:

18 240.40207 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars  
 19 award.--The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is  
 20 created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program  
 21 to recognize and reward academic achievement and vocational  
 22 preparation by high school students who wish to continue their  
 23 education.

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

28 (a) Successfully ~~completes the secondary school~~  
 29 ~~portion of a sequential program of studies that requires at~~  
 30 least three secondary school vocational credits in one program  
 31 of study identified by the Department of Education ~~taken over~~

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 75 percent of the matriculation and mandatory fees of a public  
2 postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.

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

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

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

26 (6) Upon successful completion of an an associate  
27 degree program, an award recipient who meets the renewal  
28 criteria in subsection (3) and enrolls in a baccalaureate  
29 degree program at an eligible postsecondary education  
30 institution is eligible to transfer to the Florida Merit  
31 Scholars award component of the Bright Futures Scholarship

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1 Program. If the student receives an associate degree prior to  
2 the end of an academic year and enrolls in the baccalaureate  
3 degree program during a subsequent term of the same academic  
4 year, the student may continue to receive the Gold Seal  
5 Scholars award for the duration of that academic year. If  
6 necessary, the department may provide an exception to the  
7 90-semester-hour limit, or the equivalent, through the end of  
8 that academic year. Other than initial eligibility criteria,  
9 all other requirements of the Florida Merit Scholars award  
10 apply to a student who transfers to that program under this  
11 section. The credit-hour limitation must be calculated by  
12 subtracting from the student's total eligibility the number of  
13 credit hours for which the student has already received  
14 funding under the Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

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

26 Section 23. Section 240.40209, Florida Statutes, is  
27 amended to read:

28 240.40209 Bright Futures Scholarship recipients  
29 attending nonpublic institutions; calculation of  
30 awards.--Notwithstanding ss. 240.40201, 240.40205, 240.40206,  
31 and 240.40207, a student who receives any award under the

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1 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, who is enrolled in  
2 a nonpublic postsecondary education institution, and who is  
3 assessed tuition and fees that are the same as those of a  
4 full-time student at that institution, shall receive a fixed  
5 award calculated by using the average matriculation and fee  
6 calculation, as defined by the Department of Education, for  
7 full-time attendance at a public postsecondary educational  
8 ~~education~~ institution at the comparable level. If the student  
9 is enrolled part-time and is assessed tuition and fees at a  
10 reduced level, the award shall be either one-half of the  
11 maximum award or three-fourths of the maximum award, depending  
12 on the level of fees assessed.

13 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
14 240.404, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15 240.404 General requirements for student eligibility  
16 for state financial aid.--

17 (1)(a) The general requirements for eligibility of  
18 students for state financial aid awards consist of the  
19 following:

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

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1 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation.~~

2           2.a. Residency in this state for no less than 1 year  
3 preceding the award of aid for a program established pursuant  
4 to s. 240.409, s. 240.4095, s. 240.4097, s. 240.412, s.  
5 240.4125, s. 240.413, s. 240.4987, s. 240.605, or s. 240.606.  
6 Residency in this state must be for purposes other than to  
7 obtain an education. Resident status for purposes of receiving  
8 state financial aid awards shall be determined in the same  
9 manner as resident status for tuition purposes pursuant to s.  
10 240.1201 and rules of the State Board of Education.

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

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

31           Section 25. Subsection (3) of section 240.4064,

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1 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2 240.4064 Critical teacher shortage tuition  
3 reimbursement program.--

4 (3) Participants may receive tuition reimbursement  
5 payments for up to 9 semester hours, or the equivalent in  
6 quarter hours, per year, at a rate not to exceed ~~\$115~~<sup>\$78</sup> per  
7 semester hour, up to a total of 36 semester hours. All  
8 tuition reimbursements shall be contingent on passing an  
9 approved course with a minimum grade of 3.0 or its equivalent.

10 Section 26. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and  
11 subsection (6) of section 240.412, Florida Statutes, are  
12 amended to read:

13 240.412 Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant  
14 Program.--

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

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

20 2. Be a citizen of the United States and meet the  
21 general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.  
22 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this section.

23 3. Be accepted at a state university or community  
24 college or any Florida college or university 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~~ the credits of which are  
28 acceptable without qualification for transfer to state  
29 universities.

30 4. Enroll as a full-time undergraduate ~~or graduate~~  
31 student.

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

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

17           Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 240.413, Florida  
 18 Statutes, is amended to read:

19           240.413 Seminole and Miccosukee Indian Scholarships.--

20           (2) Scholarships shall be awarded by the department to  
 21 students who:

22           (a) Have graduated from high school, have earned an  
 23 equivalency diploma issued by the Department of Education  
 24 pursuant to s. 229.814, have earned an equivalency diploma  
 25 issued by the United States Armed Forces Institute, or have  
 26 been accepted through an early admission program;

27           (b) Are enrolled at a state university or community  
 28 college authorized by Florida law; a nursing diploma school  
 29 approved by the Board of Nursing; any Florida college,  
 30 university, or community college which is accredited by an  
 31 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department



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1 ~~of Education a member of the Commission on Recognition of~~  
2 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation;~~ or any Florida institution the  
3 credits of which are acceptable for transfer to state  
4 universities;

5 (c) Are enrolled as either full-time or part-time  
6 undergraduate or graduate students and make satisfactory  
7 academic progress as defined by the college or university;

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

10 (e) Meet the general requirements for student  
11 eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise  
12 provided in this section.

13 Section 28. Subsection (6) of section 240.437, Florida  
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 240.437 Student financial aid planning and  
16 development.--

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

28 Section 29. Subsection (5) of section 240.465, Florida  
29 Statutes, is repealed.

30 Section 30. Subsection (13) of section 240.472,  
31 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1           240.472 Definitions.--As used in this act:  
 2           (13) "Institution" means any college or university  
 3 which, by virtue of law or charter, is accredited by an  
 4 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department  
 5 of Education ~~and holds membership in the Commission on~~  
 6 ~~Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation;~~ which grants  
 7 baccalaureate or associate degrees; which is not a pervasively  
 8 sectarian institution; and which does not discriminate in the  
 9 admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion,  
 10 sex, or creed.

11           Section 31. Subsection (1) of section 295.01, Florida  
 12 Statutes, is amended to read:

13           295.01 Children of deceased or disabled veterans;  
 14 education.--

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

22           (a) Died in that service or from injuries sustained or  
 23 disease contracted during a period of wartime service as  
 24 defined in s. 1.01(14) or has died since or may hereafter die  
 25 from diseases or disability resulting from such war service,  
 26 or

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

29           1. Determined by the United States Department of  
 30 Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a  
 31 service-connected 100-percent total and permanent disability

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1 rating for compensation,

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

6 3. Issued a valid identification card by the  
7 Department of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with s. 295.17

8  
9 ~~when the parents of such children have been bona fide~~  
10 ~~residents of the state for 5 years next preceding their~~  
11 ~~application for the benefits hereof, and subject to the rules,~~  
12 ~~restrictions, and limitations hereof.~~

13 Section 32. Section 295.02, Florida Statutes, is  
14 amended to read:

15 295.02 Use of funds; age, etc.--

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

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

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

25 (2) Such children must be ~~who are~~ between the ages of  
26 16 and 22 years, and ~~who are~~ in attendance at:

27 (a) A state-supported institution of higher learning,  
28 including a community college or vocational-technical school,  
29 or

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

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1  
2 A student attending an eligible private postsecondary  
3 institution may receive an award equivalent to the average  
4 matriculation and fees calculated for full-time attendance at  
5 a public postsecondary institution at the comparable level.  
6 Any child having entered upon a course of training or  
7 education under the provisions of this chapter, consisting of  
8 a course of not more than 4 years, and arriving at the age of  
9 22 years before the completion of such course may continue the  
10 course and receive all benefits of the provisions of this  
11 chapter until the course is completed. The Department of  
12 Education shall administer this educational program subject to  
13 regulations of the department. The State Board of Education is  
14 authorized to adopt rules to implement this program.

15 Section 33. Sections 228.502, 240.40242, and 240.6055,  
16 Florida Statutes, are repealed.

17 Section 34. Paragraph (r) of subsection (1) of section  
18 246.041, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 246.041 Powers and duties of board.--

20 (1) The board shall:

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

29 Section 35. Section 240.409, Florida Statutes, is  
30 amended to read:

31 240.409 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant

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1 Program; eligibility for grants.--

2 (1) There is hereby created a Florida Public Student  
3 Assistance Grant Program. The program shall be administered by  
4 the participating institutions in accordance with rules of the  
5 state board.

6 (2) The department is directed to establish an initial  
7 application deadline for funds administered pursuant to this  
8 section.

9 (3) Using the priorities established in this section  
10 and in s. 240.4099, institutions shall first award funds  
11 administered pursuant to this section to students who meet the  
12 initial application deadline established pursuant to  
13 subsection (2). An institution may, at its discretion, award  
14 any remaining funds from this program to students who apply  
15 after the deadline date and who are otherwise eligible  
16 pursuant to this section.

17 (4)~~(2)~~(a) State student assistance grants through the  
18 program may be made only to ~~full-time~~ degree-seeking students  
19 who enroll in at least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent,  
20 per term and who meet the general requirements for student  
21 eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise  
22 provided in this section. Such grants shall be awarded  
23 annually for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for the  
24 cost of education and may not exceed an amount equal to the  
25 average prior academic year cost of matriculation fees and  
26 other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state  
27 universities or such other amount as specified in the General  
28 Appropriations Act, to any recipient. A demonstrated unmet  
29 need of less than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible  
30 for a state student assistance grant. Recipients of such  
31 grants must have been accepted at a state university or

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1 community college authorized by Florida law. No student may  
2 receive an award for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters  
3 or 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except as otherwise  
4 provided in s. 240.404(3).

5 (b) A student applying for a Florida public student  
6 assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell  
7 Grant. The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when  
8 conducting an assessment of the financial resources available  
9 to each student.

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

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

27 ~~(5)~~(3) Based on the unmet financial need of an  
28 eligible applicant, the amount of a Florida public student  
29 assistance grant must be between \$200 and the weighted average  
30 of the cost of matriculation and other registration fees for  
31 30 credit hours at state universities per academic year or the

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1 amount specified in the General Appropriations Act.  
2 ~~(6)~~(4)(a) The funds appropriated for the Florida  
3 Public Student Assistance Grant shall be distributed to  
4 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula recommended  
5 by the Department of Education's Florida Council of Student  
6 Financial Aid Advisors and reviewed by the Postsecondary  
7 Education Planning Commission, the State Board of Community  
8 Colleges, and the Board of Regents. The formula shall consider  
9 at least the prior year's distribution of funds to award  
10 recipients who met the application deadline, the number of  
11 ~~full-time~~ eligible applicants who met the application deadline  
12 who did not receive awards, the standardization of the  
13 expected family contribution, and provisions for unused funds.

14 (b) Payment of Florida public student assistance  
15 grants shall be transmitted to the president of the state  
16 university or community college, or to his or her  
17 representative, in advance of the registration period.  
18 Institutions shall notify students of the amount of their  
19 awards.

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

27 (d) Institutions shall certify to the department the  
28 amount of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to  
29 the department any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each  
30 year.

31 ~~(7)~~(5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for state

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1 student assistance grants shall be deposited in the State  
2 Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding the  
3 provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any  
4 balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year that  
5 has been allocated to the Florida Public Student Assistance  
6 Grant Program shall remain therein and shall be available for  
7 carrying out the purposes of this section.

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

10 Section 36. Section 240.4095, Florida Statutes, is  
11 amended to read:

12 240.4095 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant  
13 Program; eligibility for grants.--

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

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

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

29 (4)(a) Florida private student assistance grants from  
30 the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund may be made  
31 only to ~~full-time~~ degree-seeking students who enroll in at



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1 least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per term and who  
2 meet the general requirements for student eligibility as  
3 provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this  
4 section. Such grants shall be awarded for the amount of  
5 demonstrated unmet need for tuition and fees and may not  
6 exceed an amount equal to the average matriculation and other  
7 registration fees for 30 credit hours at state universities  
8 plus \$1,000 per academic year, or as specified in the General  
9 Appropriations Act, to any applicant. A demonstrated unmet  
10 need of less than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible  
11 for a Florida private student assistance grant. Recipients of  
12 such grants must have been accepted at a  
13 baccalaureate-degree-granting independent nonprofit college or  
14 university, which is accredited by the Commission on Colleges  
15 of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and which  
16 is located in and chartered as a domestic corporation by the  
17 state. No student may receive an award for more than the  
18 equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time  
19 enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3).

20 (b) A student applying for a Florida private student  
21 assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell  
22 Grant. The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when  
23 conducting an assessment of the financial resources available  
24 to each student.

25 (c) Priority in the distribution of grant moneys shall  
26 be given to students with the lowest total family resources,  
27 in accordance with a nationally recognized system of need  
28 analysis. Using the system of need analysis, the department  
29 shall establish a maximum expected family contribution. An  
30 institution may not make a grant from this program to a  
31 student whose expected family contribution exceeds the level

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1 established by the department. An institution may not impose  
2 additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility to  
3 receive a grant award.

4 (d) Each participating institution shall report, to  
5 the department by the established date, the eligible students  
6 to whom grant moneys are disbursed each academic term and  
7 indicate whether or not the student met the application  
8 deadline established pursuant to subsection (2). Each  
9 institution shall also report to the department necessary  
10 demographic and eligibility data for such students.

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

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

29 (b) Payment of Florida private student assistance  
30 grants shall be transmitted to the president of the college or  
31 university, or to his or her representative, in advance of the

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1 registration period. Institutions shall notify students of the  
2 amount of their awards.

3 (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive  
4 a disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of  
5 the end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a  
6 drop-add period. Institutions shall not be required to  
7 reevaluate a student's eligibility status after this date for  
8 purposes of changing eligibility determinations previously  
9 made.

10 (d) Institutions shall certify to the department the  
11 amount of funds disbursed to each student, indicate whether or  
12 not the student met the application deadline established  
13 pursuant to subsection (2), and shall remit to the department  
14 any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each year.

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

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1 requested pursuant to this paragraph shall be remitted within  
2 60 days.

3 (7)~~(5)~~ Funds appropriated by the Legislature for  
4 Florida private student assistance grants shall be deposited  
5 in the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund.  
6 Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to  
7 s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any  
8 fiscal year that has been allocated to the Florida Private  
9 Student Assistance Grant Program shall remain therein and  
10 shall be available for carrying out the purposes of this  
11 section and as otherwise provided by law.

12 (8)~~(6)~~ The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
13 necessary to implement this section.

14 Section 37. Section 240.4097, Florida Statutes, is  
15 amended to read:

16 240.4097 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance  
17 Grant Program; eligibility for grants.--

18 (1) There is hereby created a Florida Postsecondary  
19 Student Assistance Grant Program. The program shall be  
20 administered by the participating institutions in accordance  
21 with rules of the state board.

22 (2) The department is directed to establish an initial  
23 application deadline for funds administered pursuant to this  
24 section.

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

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1 pursuant to this section.

2       (4)(a) Florida postsecondary student assistance grants  
3 through the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund may  
4 be made only to ~~full-time~~ degree-seeking students who enroll  
5 in at least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per term and  
6 who meet the general requirements for student eligibility as  
7 provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this  
8 section. Such grants shall be awarded for the amount of  
9 demonstrated unmet need for tuition and fees and may not  
10 exceed an amount equal to the average prior academic year cost  
11 of matriculation and other registration fees for 30 credit  
12 hours at state universities plus \$1,000 per academic year, or  
13 as specified in the General Appropriations Act, to any  
14 applicant. A demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 shall  
15 render the applicant ineligible for a Florida postsecondary  
16 student assistance grant. Recipients of such grants must have  
17 been accepted at a postsecondary institution that is located  
18 in the state and that is:

- 19           1. A private nursing diploma school approved by the  
20 Florida Board of Nursing; or  
21           2. An institution either licensed by the State Board  
22 of Independent Colleges and Universities or exempt from  
23 licensure pursuant to s. 246.085(1)(a), excluding those  
24 institutions the students of which are eligible to receive a  
25 Florida private student assistance grant pursuant to s.  
26 240.4095.

27  
28 No student may receive an award for more than the equivalent  
29 of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except  
30 as otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3).

31           (b) A student applying for a Florida postsecondary

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1 student assistance grant shall be required to apply for the  
2 Pell Grant. The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered  
3 when conducting an assessment of the financial resources  
4 available 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)~~<sup>(3)</sup> Based on the unmet financial need of an  
23 eligible applicant, the amount of a Florida postsecondary  
24 student assistance grant must be between \$200 and the average  
25 cost of matriculation and other registration fees for 30  
26 credit hours at state universities plus \$1,000 per academic  
27 year or the amount specified in the General Appropriations  
28 Act.

29 ~~(6)~~<sup>(4)</sup>(a) The funds appropriated for the Florida  
30 Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant shall be distributed to  
31 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula recommended

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

10 (b) Payment of Florida postsecondary student  
11 assistance grants shall be transmitted to the president of the  
12 eligible institution, or to his or her representative, in  
13 advance of the registration period. Institutions shall notify  
14 students of the amount of their 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, indicate whether or  
24 not the student met the application deadline established  
25 pursuant to subsection (2), and shall remit to the department  
26 any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each year.

27 (e) Each institution that receives moneys through the  
28 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program shall  
29 cause to be prepared a biennial report that includes an  
30 independent external audit of the institution's administration  
31 of the program and a complete accounting of moneys in the

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1 State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund allocated to the  
2 institution for the program. Such report shall be submitted  
3 to the department on or before March 1 every other year. The  
4 department may conduct its own annual or biennial audit of an  
5 institution's administration of the program and its allocated  
6 funds in lieu of the required biennial report and independent  
7 external audit. The department may suspend or revoke an  
8 institution's eligibility to receive future moneys from the  
9 trust fund for the program or request a refund of any moneys  
10 overpaid to the institution through the trust fund for the  
11 program if the department finds that an institution has not  
12 complied with the provisions of this section. Any refund  
13 requested pursuant to this paragraph shall be remitted within  
14 60 days.

15 ~~(7)(5)~~ Any institution that was eligible to receive  
16 state student assistance grants on January 1, 1989, and that  
17 is not eligible to receive grants pursuant to s. 240.4095 is  
18 eligible to receive grants pursuant to this section.

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

28 ~~(9)(7)~~ The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
29 necessary to implement this section.

30 Section 38. Section 240.4099, Florida Statutes, is  
31 created to read:



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1           240.4099 Florida student assistance grant programs;  
 2 priority for receiving grants.--In addition to priorities and  
 3 criteria for the distribution of Florida student assistance  
 4 grant program funds established in ss. 240.409, 240.4095, and  
 5 240.4097, priority in the distribution of grant money to  
 6 eligible initial applicants shall be given in the following  
 7 order:

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

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

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

19           Section 39. Subsection (3) of section 240.404, Florida  
 20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21           240.404 General requirements for student eligibility  
 22 for state financial aid.--

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

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1 ~~receive financial aid for a maximum of 10 semesters or 15~~  
2 ~~quarters.~~

3           Section 40. The Division of Statutory Revision of the  
4 Office of Legislative Services is directed to prepare a  
5 reviser's bill for introduction at the 2001 Regular Session of  
6 the Legislature to change "Florida Merit Scholarship" to  
7 "Florida Medallion Scholarship" and to change "Florida Merit  
8 Scholar" to "Florida Medallion Scholar," effective for the  
9 2002-2003 school year.

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13 And the title is amended as follows:

14           On page 3, line 2,

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16 after the semicolon insert:

17           amending s. 231.621, F.S.; deleting the  
18           requirement that repayment of a Critical  
19           Teacher Shortage Student Loan be made directly  
20           to the holder of the loan; amending s.  
21           240.40201, F.S.; revising general student  
22           eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright  
23           Futures Scholarship; amending s. 240.40202,  
24           F.S.; revising student eligibility provisions  
25           for initial award of a Florida Bright Futures  
26           Scholarship; amending s. 240.40203, F.S.;  
27           providing for renewal, reinstatement, and  
28           restoration of an award; amending s. 240.40204,  
29           F.S.; revising accreditation requirements for  
30           postsecondary education institution  
31           participation in the Florida Bright Futures

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1 Scholarship Program; amending s. 240.40205,  
2 F.S., relating to the Florida Academic Scholars  
3 award; requiring the Department of Education to  
4 define matriculation and fees for purposes of  
5 the award; clarifying provisions relating to  
6 renewal and reinstatement of an award; revising  
7 the amount awarded to the Florida Academic  
8 Scholar with the highest academic ranking;  
9 amending s. 240.40206, F.S., relating to the  
10 Florida Merit Scholars award; authorizing the  
11 participation of students who have been  
12 recognized by the merit or achievement programs  
13 of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation  
14 as a scholar or finalist, but have not  
15 completed a program of community service;  
16 requiring the Department of Education to define  
17 matriculation and fees for purposes of the  
18 award; clarifying provisions relating to  
19 renewal and reinstatement of an award;  
20 providing a cross-reference; amending s.  
21 240.40207, F.S., relating to the Florida Gold  
22 Seal Vocational Scholars award; revising  
23 student eligibility requirements; requiring the  
24 Department of Education to define matriculation  
25 and fees for purposes of the award; clarifying  
26 provisions relating to renewal and restoration  
27 of an award; limiting the use of a Florida Gold  
28 Seal Vocational Scholars award at an  
29 institution that grants baccalaureate degrees;  
30 revising provisions relating to transfer to the  
31 Florida Merit Scholars award program; providing

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1 for determination of the credit hour  
2 limitation; amending s. 240.40209, F.S.,  
3 relating to the calculation of awards of Bright  
4 Futures Scholarship recipients attending  
5 nonpublic institutions; requiring the  
6 Department of Education to define matriculation  
7 and fees for purposes of the award; amending s.  
8 240.404, F.S., relating to general requirements  
9 for student eligibility for state financial  
10 aid; revising accreditation requirements for  
11 postsecondary education institution  
12 participation; requiring that to remain  
13 eligible, a student not have a break in  
14 enrollment greater than 12 months; amending s.  
15 240.4064, F.S., relating to the critical  
16 teacher shortage tuition reimbursement program;  
17 increasing the rate of tuition reimbursement;  
18 amending s. 240.412, F.S., relating to the Jose  
19 Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant Program;  
20 revising accreditation requirements for  
21 postsecondary education institution  
22 participation; deleting the requirement that an  
23 applicant who applies as a graduate student  
24 have earned a 3.0 cumulative grade point  
25 average for undergraduate college-level  
26 courses; deleting a limitation on the number of  
27 semesters or quarters a graduate student may  
28 receive the award; amending s. 240.413, F.S.,  
29 relating to the Seminole and Miccosukee Indian  
30 Scholarships; revising accreditation  
31 requirements for postsecondary education

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1 institution participation; amending s. 240.437,  
2 F.S., relating to student financial aid  
3 planning and development; deleting obsolete  
4 provisions; clarifying provisions relating to  
5 the repeal of unfunded financial assistance  
6 programs; repealing s. 240.465(5), F.S., which  
7 prohibits an individual borrower who is in  
8 default in making student financial assistance  
9 repayments from being furnished with his or her  
10 academic transcripts or other student records  
11 until such time as the loan is paid in full or  
12 the default status has been removed; amending  
13 s. 240.472, F.S.; revising the definition of  
14 the term "institution" to reflect revised  
15 accreditation requirements; amending s. 295.01,  
16 F.S., relating to the education of children of  
17 deceased or disabled veterans; clarifying  
18 student eligibility requirements; amending s.  
19 295.02, F.S., relating to use of funds for the  
20 education of children of deceased or disabled  
21 veterans; requiring the Department of Education  
22 to define tuition and registration fees for  
23 purposes of award of funds; clarifying student  
24 eligibility requirements; providing for the  
25 award of funds for attendance at an eligible  
26 nonpublic postsecondary institution;  
27 authorizing rules of the State Board of  
28 Education; repealing s. 228.502, F.S., relating  
29 to the Education Success Incentive Program, s.  
30 240.40242, F.S., relating to use of certain  
31 scholarship funds by children of deceased or

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1 disabled veterans, and s. 240.6055, F.S.,  
2 relating to access grants for community college  
3 graduates; amending s. 246.041, F.S., relating  
4 to the powers and duties of the State Board of  
5 Independent Colleges and Universities; removing  
6 an obsolete cross-reference; amending s.  
7 240.409, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a  
8 student attend full-time to be eligible for a  
9 state student assistance grant; directing the  
10 department to establish an application  
11 deadline; requiring the student to enroll in at  
12 least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per  
13 semester; requiring participating institutions  
14 to indicate whether the student met the  
15 deadline; creating s. 240.4099, F.S.; providing  
16 priority for awarding student assistance  
17 grants; amending s. 240.4095, F.S.; directing  
18 the department to establish an application  
19 deadline; directing participating institutions  
20 with regard to awarding of funds; deleting the  
21 requirement that a student attend full-time to  
22 be eligible for a Florida private student  
23 assistance grant; requiring a student to enroll  
24 in at least 6 semester hours, or the  
25 equivalent, per semester; amending s. 240.4097,  
26 F.S.; directing the department to establish an  
27 application deadline; directing institutions  
28 with regard to awarding of funds; deleting the  
29 requirement that a student attend full-time to  
30 be eligible for a Florida postsecondary student  
31 assistance grant; requiring a student to enroll

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1           in at least 6 semester hours, or the  
2           equivalent, per semester; amending s. 240.404,  
3           F.S.; revising the maximum amount of time an  
4           undergraduate student can receive financial  
5           aid; directing the Division of Statutory  
6           Revision to prepare a reviser's bill;  
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