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11	Senator Kirkpatrick moved the following amendment:		
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13	Senate Amendment (with title amendment)		
14	On page 35, between lines 2 and 3,		
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16	insert:		
17	Section 21. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section		
18	231.621, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:		
19	231.621 Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan		
20	Forgiveness Program.--		
21	(2) From the funds available, the Department of		
22	Education is authorized to make loan principal repayments as		
23	follows:		
24	(c) All repayments shall be contingent on continued		
25	proof of employment in the designated subject areas in this		
26	state and shall be made directly to the holder of the loan.		
27	The state shall not bear responsibility for the collection of		
28	any interest charges or other remaining balance. In the event		
29	that designated critical teacher shortage subject areas are		
30	changed by the State Board of Education, a teacher shall		
31	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 22. 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 23. 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 24. 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 25. 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 26. 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 27. 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 28. 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 29. 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 30. 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 31. 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~~^{\$78} 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 32. 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 33. 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 34. 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 35. Subsection (5) of section 240.465, Florida
29 Statutes, is repealed.

30 Section 36. 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 37. 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. 295.177

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 38. 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. 295.015.7

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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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 39. Sections 228.502, 240.40242, and 240.6055,
16 Florida Statutes, are repealed.

17 Section 40. 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 41. 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 42. 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 43. 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.

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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)(3)~~ 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)(4)~~(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 44. 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 45. 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 46. 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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11 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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

15 And the title is amended as follows:

16 On page 3, line 19, after the semicolon

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18 insert:

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

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

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

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

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1 240.40242, F.S., relating to use of certain
2 scholarship funds by children of deceased or
3 disabled veterans, and s. 240.6055, F.S.,
4 relating to access grants for community college
5 graduates; amending s. 246.041, F.S., relating
6 to the powers and duties of the State Board of
7 Independent Colleges and Universities; removing
8 an obsolete cross-reference; amending s.
9 240.409, F.S.; deleting the requirement that a
10 student attend full-time to be eligible for a
11 state student assistance grant; directing the
12 department to establish an application
13 deadline; requiring the student to enroll in at
14 least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per
15 semester; requiring participating institutions
16 to indicate whether the student met the
17 deadline; creating s. 240.4099, F.S.; providing
18 priority for awarding student assistance
19 grants; amending s. 240.4095, F.S.; directing
20 the department to establish an application
21 deadline; directing participating institutions
22 with regard to awarding of funds; deleting the
23 requirement that a student attend full-time to
24 be eligible for a Florida private student
25 assistance grant; requiring a student to enroll
26 in at least 6 semester hours, or the
27 equivalent, per semester; amending s. 240.4097,
28 F.S.; directing the department to establish an
29 application deadline; directing institutions
30 with regard to awarding of funds; deleting the
31 requirement that a student attend full-time to

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be eligible for a Florida postsecondary student assistance grant; requiring a student to enroll in at least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per semester; amending s. 240.404, F.S.; revising the maximum amount of time an undergraduate student can receive financial aid; directing the Division of Statutory Revision to prepare a reviser's bill;