

By Senator Klein

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the Florida Academic  
3           Scholars award; amending s. 240.40205, F.S.;  
4           providing that a student who is a recipient of  
5           the National Hispanic Scholar Award and who  
6           meets certain other eligibility requirements is  
7           eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award;  
8           providing an effective date.

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10   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12           Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 240.40205,  
13   Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14           240.40205 Florida Academic Scholars award.--

15           (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic  
16   Scholars award if the student meets the general eligibility  
17   requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
18   Program and the student:

19           (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as  
20   calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, or its equivalent, in  
21   high school courses that are adopted by the Board of Regents  
22   and recommended by the State Board of Community Colleges as  
23   college-preparatory academic courses; and

24           (b) Has attained at least the score identified by  
25   rules of the Department of Education on the combined verbal  
26   and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the  
27   Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic  
28   Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an  
29   equivalent score on the American College Testing Program; or

30           (c) Has attended a home education program according to  
31   s. 232.0201 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the

1 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the  
2 International Baccalaureate Diploma, and has attained at least  
3 the score identified by rules of the Department of Education  
4 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the  
5 Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or  
6 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College  
7 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the American  
8 College Testing Program; or

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

11 (e) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement  
12 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a  
13 scholar or finalist; ~~or-~~

14 (f) Is a recipient of the National Hispanic Scholar  
15 Award.

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

26 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.  
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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that a student who receives the National Hispanic Scholar Award is eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award if the student meets the eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and has achieved a specified grade point average.