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Senator Miller moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment

On page 23, line 5, through page 25, line 6, delete those lines

and insert:

Section 12. Subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 240.4063, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

240.4063 Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program.--

(2) Within the Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program shall be established the "Chappie" James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship, which shall be offered to a top graduating senior from each publicly funded ~~public~~ secondary school in the state. An additional number of "Chappie" James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship awards shall be offered annually to graduating seniors from nonpublic secondary schools in the state which are listed with the Department of Education and accredited by the Southern

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1 Association of Colleges and Schools or any other private
 2 statewide accrediting agency which makes public its standards,
 3 procedures, and member schools. The nonpublic secondary
 4 schools shall be in compliance with regulations of the Office
 5 for Civil Rights. The number of awards to nonpublic secondary
 6 school students shall be proportional to the number of awards
 7 available to public secondary school students and shall be
 8 calculated as the ratio of the number of nonpublic to public
 9 secondary school seniors in the state multiplied by the number
 10 of public secondary schools in the state.

11 (a) The scholarship may be used for attendance at a
 12 state university, a community college, or an independent
 13 institution as defined in s. 240.605.

14 (b) The amount of the scholarship is \$1,500 and may be
 15 renewed for 1 year if the student earns a 2.5 cumulative grade
 16 point average and 12 credit hours per term and meets the
 17 eligibility requirements for renewal of the award.

18 (c) To be eligible for the scholarship, a student
 19 shall: be ranked within the top quartile of the senior class;
 20 have been an active member of a high school future teacher
 21 organization, if such organization exists in the student's
 22 school; have earned a minimum unweighted cumulative grade
 23 point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; file an application
 24 within the application period; meet the general requirements
 25 for student eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as
 26 otherwise provided in this section; and have the intent to
 27 enter the public teaching profession in Florida.

28 (d) Three candidates from each publicly funded ~~public~~
 29 secondary school and one candidate from each nonpublic
 30 secondary school in the state shall be nominated by the
 31 principal and a committee of teachers, based on criteria which

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1 shall include, but need not be limited to, rank in class,
2 standardized test scores, cumulative grade point average,
3 extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an
4 essay, and a declaration of intention to teach in a public
5 school in the state.

6 (e) From public secondary school nominees, the
7 Commissioner of Education shall select a graduating senior
8 from each publicly funded public high school to receive a
9 scholarship. Selection of recipients from nonpublic secondary
10 schools shall be made by a committee appointed by the
11 Commissioner of Education comprised of representatives from
12 nonpublic secondary schools and the Department of Education.

13 (f) Fifteen percent of scholarships awarded shall be
14 to minority students. However, in the event that fewer than
15 15 percent of the total eligible nominees are minority
16 students, the commissioner may allocate all award funds as
17 long as a scholarship loan is reserved for each eligible
18 minority nominee.

19 (3)(a) Within the Florida Teacher Scholarship and
20 Forgivable Loan Program shall be established the Florida
21 Critical Teacher Shortage Forgivable Loan Program which shall
22 make undergraduate and graduate forgivable loans available to
23 eligible students entering programs of study that lead to a
24 degree in a teaching program in a critical teacher shortage
25 area. To be eligible for a program loan, a candidate shall:

26 1. Be a full-time student at the upper-division
27 undergraduate or graduate level in a teacher training program
28 approved by the department pursuant to s. 240.529 leading to
29 certification in a critical teacher shortage subject area.

30 2. Have declared an intent to teach, for at least the
31 number of years for which a forgivable loan is received, in

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1 publicly funded elementary or secondary schools of Florida in
 2 a critical teacher shortage area identified by the State Board
 3 of Education. For purposes of this chapter ~~subsection~~, a
 4 school is publicly funded if it receives at least 75 percent
 5 of its operating costs from governmental agencies and operates
 6 its educational program under contract with a public school
 7 district or the Department of Education.

8 3. Meet the general requirements for student
 9 eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise
 10 provided in this section.

11 4. If applying for an undergraduate forgivable loan,
 12 have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of
 13 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate work. Renewal
 14 applicants for undergraduate loans shall maintain a minimum
 15 cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0
 16 scale for all undergraduate work and have earned at least 12
 17 semester credits per term, or the equivalent.

18 5. If applying for a graduate forgivable loan, have
 19 maintained an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of
 20 at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or have attained a Graduate
 21 Record Examination score of at least 1,000. Renewal applicants
 22 for graduate loans shall maintain a minimum cumulative grade
 23 point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all
 24 graduate work and have earned at least 9 semester credits per
 25 term, or the equivalent.

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