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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to postsecondary education;  
creating s. 240.401, F.S.; creating the Florida  
Public Student Assistance Grant program for  
part-time students; providing for rulemaking by  
the State Board of Education; providing  
purpose; providing eligibility criteria;  
requiring participating institutions to report  
certain information to the Department of  
Education; requiring the department to allocate  
to public postsecondary institutions funds to  
be distributed under this program; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 240.401, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

240.401 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant  
program; creation; purpose; funding.--

(1) There is created the Florida Public Student  
Assistance Grant program for part-time students. The program  
shall be administered in accordance with rules of the state  
board.

(2) The purpose of the program is to provide financial  
assistance to part-time students who need such assistance.  
State student-assistance grants may be awarded under the  
program to part-time degree-seeking students who meet the  
general requirements for student eligibility. Grants are to be  
awarded annually in the amount of demonstrated unmet need for

1 the cost of education. Recipients of such grants must have  
2 been accepted at a state university or community college.

3 (a) Priority in the distribution of grant moneys must  
4 be given to students who have the lowest total family  
5 resources.

6 (b) Each participating institution shall report to the  
7 department, by a date established by rule of the state board,  
8 the number of eligible students to whom grant moneys will be  
9 disbursed during each academic term. Each institution shall  
10 report demographic and eligibility data for such students.

11 (3) The Department of Education shall allocate to  
12 public postsecondary institutions funds for disbursement to  
13 part-time students. The funds appropriated for the program  
14 must be allocated to eligible institutions.

15 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
16 law.

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19 SENATE SUMMARY

20 Creates the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant  
21 program for part-time postsecondary students who are  
22 pursuing degrees. Provides eligibility criteria. Requires  
23 participating institutions to report certain information  
to the Department of Education. Requires the department  
to allocate to public postsecondary institutions funds to  
be distributed under this program.