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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to postsecondary education; amending s. 240.418, F.S., relating to need-based financial aid; requiring the state to set aside money to fund need-based scholarships at certain state universities; providing formulae for determining the number of need-based scholarships to be funded at each school; prescribing qualifications of students who may receive need-based scholarships; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Section 240.418, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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240.418 Need-based financial aid; no preference to students receiving other aid. --

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(1) From the funds collected by state universities and community colleges as a financial aid fee and from other funds appropriated by the Legislature for financial aid from the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund, institutions shall expend those moneys designated as need-based financial aid with no preference given to students who also qualify for merit-based or other financial aid awards.

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(2) In addition, the state shall set aside money to fund need-based scholarships for the 4-year state universities. The formula for determining the number of need-based scholarships at each school is: for a school that has an enrollment of more than 10,000, multiply the total enrollment of full-time students during the previous semester

by 2 percent; and, for a school that has an enrollment of 10,000 or less, multiply the total enrollment of full-time students during the previous semester by 3 percent. The qualifications required of these students are the same as those for community-college students who receive need-based scholarships. A student must qualify and be accepted by a university in order to receive the funds. Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* SENATE SUMMARY Requires the state to set aside money to fund need-based scholarships at 4-year state universities. Provides formulae for determining the number of need-based scholarships to be funded at each school. Prescribes qualifications of students who may receive need-based scholarships.