Amendment No. ___ (for drafter's use only)

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11   The Council for Smarter Government offered the following:

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13   **Amendment (with title amendment)**

14   On page 6, between lines 7 and 8 of the bill

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16   insert:

17   Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section

18   240.235, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19   240.235 Fees.--

20   (5)(a) Any student for whom the state is paying a

21   foster care board payment pursuant to s. 409.145(3) or parts

22   II and III of chapter 39, for whom the permanency planning

23   goal pursuant to ~~part III of~~ chapter 39 is long-term foster

24   care or independent living, who is or was at the time he or

25   she turned 18 years old in the custody of a relative under s.

26   39.5085,or who is adopted from the Department of Children and

27   Family Services after May 5, 1997, shall be exempt from the

28   payment of all undergraduate fees, including fees associated

29   with enrollment in college-preparatory instruction or

30   completion of college-level communication and computation

31   skills testing programs. Before a fee exemption can be given,

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1 the student shall have applied for and been denied financial
2 aid, pursuant to s. 240.404, which would have provided, at a
3 minimum, payment of all undergraduate fees. Such exemption
4 shall be available to any student <u>who was in the custody of a</u>
5 <u>relative under s. 39.5085 at the time he or she turned 18</u>
6 <u>years old or was</u> adopted from the Department of Children and
7 Family Services after May 5, 1997; however, the exemption
8 shall be valid for no more than 4 years after the date of
9 graduation from high school.
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12 =============== T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T ===============
13 And the title is amended as follows:
14   On page 1, line 18, following the semicolon
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17 insert:
18   amending s. 240.235, F.S.; exempting certain
19   children in the custody of a relative at the
20   time of reaching age 18 from payment of
21   postsecondary undergraduate fees;
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