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Senator Miller moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Vocational Student Assistance Grant
Program; eligibility for grants.--

(1) The Vocational Student Assistance Grant Program is
created to be administered by the participating institutions
in accordance with rules of the Florida Board of Education.

(2) A vocational student assistance grant may be made
only to a student who enrolls in at least 6 semester hours per
term, or the equivalent in quarter hours or clock hours, and
who meets the general requirements for student eligibility as
provided in section 240.404, Florida Statutes, except as
otherwise provided in this section. Such grants shall be
awarded annually for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for
the cost of education and may not exceed an amount equal to
the average prior academic year cost of matriculation and fees
for 30 credit hours at state universities or the amount

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1 specified in the General Appropriations Act, to any recipient.
2 A demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 renders the
3 applicant ineligible for a Vocational Student Assistance
4 Grant.

5 (3) A grant from the program may be awarded to a
6 student who:

7 (a)1. Is enrolled in a public vocational-technical
8 center, community college, or any nonpublic career education
9 school or college accredited by an association that is
10 recognized by the United States Department of Education, which
11 school or college has never had its accreditation removed for
12 any reason, has been in continuous operation for at least 5
13 years, has been issued a biennial license under section
14 246.217, Florida Statutes, has not been the subject of a
15 finding of probable cause and subsequent disciplinary action
16 under section 246.226 or section 246.228, Florida Statutes, is
17 not required by the Federal Government to apply for
18 reimbursement for Title IV funding, and is located in and
19 chartered by the state; or

20 2. Is enrolled in an institution that has been
21 licensed continuously for the preceding 5 years by the State
22 Board of Independent Colleges and Universities, or has met the
23 requirements of section 246.085(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and
24 is accredited by an association recognized by the United
25 States Department of Education, and which college has not been
26 the subject of a finding of probable cause and subsequent
27 disciplinary action under section 246.111, section 246.226, or
28 section 246.228, Florida Statutes, has been issued a license
29 under section 246.217, Florida Statutes, is not required by
30 the Federal Government to apply for reimbursement for Title IV
31 funding, and is located in and chartered by the state.

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1 (b) Is enrolled in a course or program that awards a
2 certificate or diploma as defined in section 246.203(6),
3 Florida Statutes.

4 1. A student enrolled in a nonpublic school must be
5 enrolled in a program which is comparable and compatible, as
6 determined by the State Board of Nonpublic Career Education,
7 with a public job-preparatory vocational-technical program and
8 the program standards, including curriculum framework and
9 student performance standards, as provided by rule of the
10 Florida Board of Education.

11 2. A student enrolled in a nonpublic school must meet
12 the same basic skills requirements as a student enrolled in
13 public certificate-level career education as provided by rules
14 of the Florida Board of Education.

15 (4) A student applying for a Florida Vocational
16 Student Assistance Grant must also complete an application for
17 the Pell Grant and, if the student is enrolled in a program
18 that meets the Pell Grant eligibility requirement for program
19 length, the student shall apply for the Pell Grant. The Pell
20 Grant entitlement shall be considered when conducting an
21 assessment of the financial resources available to the
22 student. The criteria and procedure for establishing standards
23 of eligibility shall be determined by the department in
24 consultation with the State Board of Nonpublic Career
25 Education and the State Board of Independent Colleges and
26 Universities. Priority in the distribution of grant moneys
27 shall be given to students with the lowest total family
28 resources, in accordance with a nationally recognized system
29 of need analysis as determined pursuant to this subsection.
30 Using the system of need analysis, the department shall
31 establish a maximum expected family contribution. An

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1 institution may not make a grant from this program to a
2 student whose expected family contribution exceeds the level
3 established by the department. An institution may not impose
4 additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility to
5 receive a grant award.

6 (5)(a) A student may not receive simultaneously a
7 vocational student assistance grant and any other form of
8 student assistance grant provided pursuant to section 240.409,
9 section 240.4095, or section 240.4097, Florida Statutes.

10 (b) The amount of the vocational student assistance
11 grant may not exceed \$1,000 and may not exceed the amount of
12 demonstrated unmet need for matriculation and other fees.

13 (c) A student may not receive a vocational student
14 assistance grant for more than 90 semester credit hours of
15 enrollment, or the equivalent in quarter hours or clock hours.

16 (d) As a condition of renewal of a vocational student
17 assistance grant, a student must be in compliance with the
18 institutional definition of satisfactory progress for the
19 receipt of federal Title IV programs and be eligible for
20 continuous enrollment in the institution.

21 (6) Each participating institution shall report to the
22 department by the established date the eligible students to
23 whom grant moneys are disbursed each academic term. Each
24 institution shall also report to the department necessary
25 demographic and eligibility data for such students.

26 (7)(a) The funds appropriated for the Florida
27 Vocational Student Assistance Grant shall be distributed to
28 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula recommended
29 by the Department of Education's Florida Council of Student
30 Financial Aid Advisors and reviewed by the Postsecondary
31 Education Planning Commission, the State Board of Nonpublic

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1 Career Education, and the State Board of Independent Colleges
2 and Universities.

3 (b) Payment of Florida vocational student assistance
4 grants shall be transmitted to the chief executive officer of
5 the educational institution or to his or her representative in
6 advance of the registration period. Institutions shall notify
7 students of the amount of their awards.

8 (c) Institutions shall certify to the Department of
9 Education the amount of funds disbursed to each student and
10 shall remit to the department any undisbursed advances by
11 April 1 of each year for preliminary allocation, and June 1 of
12 each year for reallocation.

13 (d) Each institution that receives moneys through the
14 Vocational Student Assistance Grant Program shall prepare an
15 annual report that includes an independent external audit of
16 the institution's administration of the program and a complete
17 accounting of the moneys in the State Student Financial
18 Assistance Trust Fund allocated to the institution for the
19 program. Such report shall be submitted to the department on
20 or before March 1 every year. The department may conduct its
21 own annual audit of an institution's administration of the
22 program and its allocated funds. The department may suspend or
23 revoke an institution's eligibility to receive future moneys
24 from the trust fund for the program or request a refund of any
25 moneys overpaid to the institution through the trust fund for
26 the program if the department finds that an institution has
27 not complied with the provisions of this section. Any refund
28 requested pursuant to this paragraph shall be remitted within
29 60 days.

30 (8) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for
31 vocational student assistance grants shall be deposited in the

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1 State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding
2 the provisions of section 216.301, Florida Statutes, and
3 pursuant to section 216.351, Florida Statutes, any balance in
4 the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year that has been
5 allocated to the Vocational Student Assistance Grant Program
6 shall remain therein and shall be available for carrying out
7 the purposes of this section.

8 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
9 231.621, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10 231.621 Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan
11 Forgiveness Program.--

12 (2) From the funds available, the Department of
13 Education may make loan principal repayments as follows:

14 (c) All repayments shall be contingent on continued
15 proof of employment in the designated subject areas in this
16 state and shall be made directly to the holder of the loan or,
17 if the loan is paid in full, directly to the teacher. The
18 state shall not bear responsibility for the collection of any
19 interest charges or other remaining balance. In the event
20 that designated critical teacher shortage subject areas are
21 changed by the State Board of Education, a teacher shall
22 continue to be eligible for loan forgiveness as long as he or
23 she continues to teach in the subject area for which the
24 original loan repayment was made and otherwise meets all
25 conditions of eligibility.

26 Section 3. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section
27 240.209, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

28 240.209 Board of Regents; powers and duties.--

29 (3) The board shall:

30 (e) Establish student fees.

31 1. By no later than December 1 of each year, the board

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1 shall raise the systemwide standard for resident undergraduate
2 matriculation and financial aid fees for the subsequent fall
3 term, up to but no more than 25 percent of the prior year's
4 cost of undergraduate programs. In implementing this
5 paragraph, fees charged for graduate, medical, veterinary, and
6 dental programs may be increased by the Board of Regents in
7 the same percentage as the increase in fees for resident
8 undergraduates. However, in the absence of legislative action
9 to the contrary in an appropriations act, the board may not
10 approve annual fee increases for resident students in excess
11 of 10 percent. The sum of nonresident student matriculation
12 and tuition fees must be sufficient to defray the full cost of
13 undergraduate education. Graduate, medical, veterinary, and
14 dental fees charged to nonresidents may be increased by the
15 board in the same percentage as the increase in fees for
16 nonresident undergraduates. However, in implementing this
17 policy and in the absence of legislative action to the
18 contrary in an appropriations act, annual fee increases for
19 nonresident students may not exceed 25 percent. In the absence
20 of legislative action to the contrary in the General
21 Appropriations Act, the fees shall go into effect for the
22 following fall term.

23 2. When the appropriations act requires a new fee
24 schedule, the board shall establish a systemwide standard fee
25 schedule required to produce the total fee revenue established
26 in the appropriations act based on the product of the assigned
27 enrollment and the fee schedule. The board may approve the
28 expenditure of any fee revenues resulting from the product of
29 the fee schedule adopted pursuant to this section and the
30 assigned enrollment.

31 3. Upon provision of authority in a General

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1 Appropriations Act to spend revenue raised pursuant to this
2 section, the board shall approve a university request to
3 implement a matriculation and out-of-state tuition fee
4 schedule which is calculated to generate revenue which varies
5 no more than 10 percent from the standard fee revenues
6 authorized through an appropriations act. In implementing an
7 alternative fee schedule, the increase in cost to a student
8 taking 15 hours in one term shall be limited to 5 percent.
9 Matriculation and out-of-state tuition fee revenues generated
10 as a result of this provision are to be expended for
11 implementing a plan for achieving accountability goals adopted
12 pursuant to s. 240.214 and for implementing a Board of
13 Regents-approved plan to contain student costs by reducing the
14 time necessary for graduation without reducing the quality of
15 instruction. The plans shall be recommended by a
16 universitywide committee, at least one-half of whom are
17 students appointed by the student body president. A
18 chairperson, appointed jointly by the university president and
19 the student body president, shall vote only in the case of a
20 tie.

21 4. The board may implement individual university plans
22 for a differential out-of-state tuition fee for universities
23 that have a service area that borders another state.

24 5. The board is authorized to collect for financial
25 aid purposes an amount not to exceed 5 percent of the student
26 tuition and matriculation fee per credit hour. The revenues
27 from fees are to remain at each campus and replace existing
28 financial aid fees. Such funds shall be disbursed to students
29 as quickly as possible. The board shall specify specific
30 limits on the percent of the fees collected in a fiscal year
31 which may be carried forward unexpended to the following

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1 fiscal year. A minimum of 75 ~~50~~ percent of funds from the
2 student financial aid fee for new financial aid awards shall
3 be used to provide financial aid based on absolute need. A
4 student who has received an award prior to July 1, 1984, shall
5 have his or her eligibility assessed on the same criteria that
6 was used at the time of his or her original award. The Board
7 of Regents shall develop criteria for making financial aid
8 awards. Each university shall report annually to the
9 Department of Education on the revenue collected pursuant to
10 this subparagraph, the amount carried forward, the criteria
11 used to make awards, the amount and number of awards for each
12 criterion, and a delineation of the distribution of such
13 awards. The report shall include an assessment by category of
14 the financial need of every student who receives an award,
15 regardless of the purpose for which the award is received.
16 Awards which are based on financial need shall be distributed
17 in accordance with a nationally recognized system of need
18 analysis approved by the Board of Regents. An award for
19 academic merit shall require a minimum overall grade point
20 average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent for both
21 initial receipt of the award and renewal of the award.

22 6. The board may recommend to the Legislature an
23 appropriate systemwide standard matriculation and tuition fee
24 schedule.

25 7. The Education and General Student and Other Fees
26 Trust Fund is hereby created, to be administered by the
27 Department of Education. Funds shall be credited to the trust
28 fund from student fee collections and other miscellaneous fees
29 and receipts. The purpose of the trust fund is to support the
30 instruction and research missions of the State University
31 System. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301, and

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1 pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the
2 end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund and
3 shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust
4 fund.

5 8. The board is further authorized to establish the
6 following fees:

7 a. A nonrefundable application fee in an amount not to
8 exceed \$30.

9 b. An admissions deposit fee for the University of
10 Florida College of Dentistry in an amount not to exceed \$200.

11 c. An orientation fee in an amount not to exceed \$35.

12 d. A fee for security, access, or identification
13 cards. The annual fee for such a card may not exceed \$10 per
14 card. The maximum amount charged for a replacement card may
15 not exceed \$15.

16 e. Registration fees for audit and zero-hours
17 registration; a service charge, which may not exceed \$15, for
18 the payment of tuition in installments; and a
19 late-registration fee in an amount not less than \$50 nor more
20 than \$100 to be imposed on students who fail to initiate
21 registration during the regular registration period.

22 f. A late-payment fee in an amount not less than \$50
23 nor more than \$100 to be imposed on students who fail to pay
24 or fail to make appropriate arrangements to pay (by means of
25 installment payment, deferment, or third-party billing)
26 tuition by the deadline set by each university. Each
27 university may adopt specific procedures or policies for
28 waiving the late-payment fee for minor underpayments.

29 g. A fee for miscellaneous health-related charges for
30 services provided at cost by the university health center
31 which are not covered by the health fee set under s.

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1 240.235(1).

2 h. Materials and supplies fees to offset the cost of
3 materials or supplies that are consumed in the course of the
4 student's instructional activities, excluding the cost of
5 equipment replacement, repairs, and maintenance.

6 i. Housing rental rates and miscellaneous housing
7 charges for services provided by the university at the request
8 of the student.

9 j. A charge representing the reasonable cost of
10 efforts to collect payment of overdue accounts.

11 k. A service charge on university loans in lieu of
12 interest and administrative handling charges.

13 l. A fee for off-campus course offerings when the
14 location results in specific, identifiable increased costs to
15 the university.

16 m. Library fees and fines, including charges for
17 damaged and lost library materials, overdue reserve library
18 books, interlibrary loans, and literature searches.

19 n. Fees relating to duplicating, photocopying,
20 binding, and microfilming; copyright services; and
21 standardized testing. These fees may be charged only to those
22 who receive the services.

23 o. Fees and fines relating to the use, late return,
24 and loss and damage of facilities and equipment.

25 p. A returned-check fee as authorized by s. 832.07(1)
26 for unpaid checks returned to the university.

27 q. Traffic and parking fines, charges for parking
28 decals, and transportation access fees.

29 r. An Educational Research Center for Child
30 Development fee for child care and services offered by the
31 center.

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1 s. Fees for transcripts and diploma replacement, not
2 to exceed \$10 per item.

3 Section 4. Subsection (11) of section 240.35, Florida
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 240.35 Student fees.--Unless otherwise provided, the
6 provisions of this section apply only to fees charged for
7 college credit instruction leading to an associate in arts
8 degree, an associate in applied science degree, or an
9 associate in science degree and noncollege credit
10 college-preparatory courses defined in s. 239.105.

11 (11)(a) Each community college is authorized to
12 establish a separate fee for financial aid purposes in an
13 additional amount up to, but not to exceed, 5 percent of the
14 total student tuition or matriculation fees collected. Each
15 community college may collect up to an additional 2 percent if
16 the amount generated by the total financial aid fee is less
17 than \$250,000. If the amount generated is less than \$250,000,
18 a community college that charges tuition and matriculation
19 fees at least equal to the average fees established by rule
20 may transfer from the general current fund to the scholarship
21 fund an amount equal to the difference between \$250,000 and
22 the amount generated by the total financial aid fee
23 assessment. No other transfer from the general current fund to
24 the loan, endowment, or scholarship fund, by whatever name
25 known, is authorized.

26 (b) All funds collected under this program shall be
27 placed in the loan and endowment fund or scholarship fund of
28 the college, by whatever name known. Such funds shall be
29 disbursed to students as quickly as possible. An amount not
30 greater than 40 percent of the fees collected in a fiscal year
31 may be carried forward unexpended to the following fiscal

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1 year. However, funds collected prior to July 1, 1989, and
2 placed in an endowment fund may not be considered part of the
3 balance of funds carried forward unexpended to the following
4 fiscal year.

5 (c) Up to 25 percent or \$300,000, whichever is
6 greater, of the financial aid fees collected may be used to
7 assist students who demonstrate academic merit; who
8 participate in athletics, public service, cultural arts, and
9 other extracurricular programs as determined by the
10 institution; or who are identified as members of a targeted
11 gender or ethnic minority population. The financial aid fee
12 revenues allocated for athletic scholarships and fee
13 exemptions provided pursuant to subsection (17) for athletes
14 shall be distributed equitably as required by s.
15 228.2001(3)(d). A minimum of 75 ~~50~~ percent of the balance of
16 these funds for new awards shall be used to provide financial
17 aid based on absolute need, and the remainder of the funds
18 shall be used for academic merit purposes and other purposes
19 approved by the district boards of trustees. Such other
20 purposes shall include the payment of child care fees for
21 students with financial need. The State Board of Community
22 Colleges shall develop criteria for making financial aid
23 awards. Each college shall report annually to the Department
24 of Education on the revenue collected pursuant to this
25 paragraph, the amount carried forward, the criteria used to
26 make awards, the amount and number of awards for each
27 criterion, and a delineation of the distribution of such
28 awards. The report shall include an assessment by category of
29 the financial need of every student who receives an award,
30 regardless of the purpose for which the award is received.
31 Awards which are based on financial need shall be distributed

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1 in accordance with a nationally recognized system of need
2 analysis approved by the State Board of Community Colleges. An
3 award for academic merit shall require a minimum overall grade
4 point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent for both
5 initial receipt of the award and renewal of the award.

6 (d) These funds may not be used for direct or indirect
7 administrative purposes or salaries.

8 Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), (5), and (7) of
9 section 240.40201, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
10 subsection (11) is added to that section, to read:

11 240.40201 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
12 Program.--

13 (1) The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is
14 created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to
15 reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition
16 of high academic achievement and who enrolls in a degree
17 program, certificate program, or applied technology diploma
18 program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary
19 education institution within 7 3 years of graduation from high
20 school. An award may not be provided to a student beyond 7
21 years after high school graduation, regardless of the year in
22 which the student first receives scholarship funding.

23 (2) The Bright Futures Scholarship Program consists of
24 three types of awards, the Florida Academic Scholarship, the
25 Florida Medallion ~~Merit~~ Scholarship, and the Florida
26 Vocational Gold Seal Scholarship.

27 (5) The department shall issue awards from the
28 scholarship program annually. ~~Annual awards may be for up to~~
29 ~~45 semester credit hours or the equivalent.~~ Before the
30 registration period each semester, the department shall
31 transmit payment for each award to the president or director

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1 of the postsecondary education institution, or his or her
2 representative, except that the department may withhold
3 payment if the receiving institution fails to report or to
4 make refunds to the department as required in this act.

5 (a) Within 30 days after the end of regular
6 registration each semester, the educational institution shall
7 certify to the department the eligibility status of each
8 student who receives an award. After the end of the drop and
9 add period, an institution is not required to reevaluate or
10 revise a student's eligibility status, but must make a refund
11 to the department if a student who receives an award
12 disbursement terminates enrollment for any reason during an
13 academic term and a refund is permitted by the institution's
14 refund policy.

15 (b) An institution that receives funds from the
16 program shall certify to the department the amount of funds
17 disbursed to each student and shall remit to the department
18 any undisbursed advances within 60 days after the end of
19 regular registration.

20 (c) Each institution that receives moneys through this
21 program shall prepare an annual report that includes an
22 independent external audit or an audit prepared by the Office
23 of the Auditor General. The report shall include an audit of
24 the institution's administration of the program and a complete
25 accounting of the moneys for the program. This report must be
26 submitted to the department annually by March 1. The
27 department may conduct its own annual audit of an
28 institution's administration of the program. The department
29 may request a refund of any moneys overpaid to the institution
30 for the program. The department may suspend or revoke an
31 institution's eligibility to receive future moneys for the

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1 program if the department finds that an institution has not
2 complied with this section. The institution must remit within
3 60 days any refund requested in accordance with this
4 subsection.

5 (7) A student may receive only one type of award from
6 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at a time, but
7 may transfer from one type of award to another through the
8 renewal application process, if the student's eligibility
9 status changes. However, a student is not eligible to transfer
10 from a Florida Medallion Merit Scholarship or a Florida
11 Vocational Gold Seal Scholarship to a Florida Academic
12 Scholarship. A student who receives an award from the program
13 may also receive a federal family education loan or a federal
14 direct loan, and the value of the award must be considered in
15 the certification or calculation of the student's loan
16 eligibility.

17 (11) A student who graduates from high school in 1997
18 or earlier and who is eligible for the Florida Undergraduate
19 Scholar's Program pursuant to s. 240.402, Florida Statutes,
20 1996 Supplement, is eligible for the Florida Academic Scholars
21 award as provided in this chapter. A student who graduates
22 from high school in 1997 or earlier and who is eligible for
23 the Florida Vocational Gold Seal Endorsement Scholarship award
24 pursuant to s. 240.40201, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement,
25 is eligible for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars
26 award as provided in this chapter. Award eligibility ends 7
27 years after high school graduation.

28 Section 6. Paragraphs (b) and (f) of subsection (1)
29 and subsection (2) of section 240.40202, Florida Statutes, are
30 amended, present subsection (4) of that section is
31 redesignated as subsection (5), and a new subsection (4) is

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1 added to that section, to read:

2 240.40202 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
3 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.--

4 (1) To be eligible for an initial award from any of
5 the three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright
6 Futures Scholarship Program, a student must:

7 (b) Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its
8 equivalent as described in s. 232.246 or s. 229.814 unless:

9 1. The student is enrolled full time in the early
10 admission program of an eligible postsecondary education
11 institution or completes a home education program according to
12 s. 232.0201; or

13 2. The student earns a high school diploma from a
14 non-Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who
15 is on military or public service assignment away from Florida.
16 The term, "public service assignment," as used in this
17 subparagraph, means the occupational assignment outside
18 Florida of a person who is a permanent resident of Florida and
19 who is employed by the United States Government or the State
20 of Florida, a condition of which employment is assignment
21 outside Florida.

22 (f) Apply for a scholarship from the program by ~~April~~
23 ~~1 of the last semester before~~ high school graduation. Requests
24 for exceptions to this deadline may be accepted by the high
25 school or district through December 31 following high school
26 graduation. There is no application deadline for a student who
27 graduates from a non-Florida high school pursuant to
28 subparagraph (b)2.

29 ~~(2) A student is eligible to accept an initial award~~
30 ~~for 3 years following high school graduation and to accept a~~
31 ~~renewal award for 7 years following high school graduation.~~A

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1 student ~~who applies for an award by April 1~~ and who meets all
2 ~~other~~ eligibility requirements, but who does not accept his or
3 her award during the first year of eligibility after high
4 school graduation, may apply for reinstatement of the award
5 for use within 7 ~~reapply during subsequent application periods~~
6 ~~up to 3~~ years after high school graduation. Reinstatement
7 applications must be received by the deadline established by
8 the Department of Education.

9 (4) Each school district shall annually provide to
10 each high school student a complete and accurate Florida
11 Bright Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report and Key. The
12 report shall be disseminated at the beginning of each school
13 year. The report must include all high school coursework
14 attempted, the number of credits earned toward each type of
15 award, and the calculation of the grade point average for each
16 award. The report must also identify all requirements not met
17 per award as well as identify the awards for which the student
18 has met the academic requirements.

19 Section 7. Section 240.40203, Florida Statutes, is
20 amended to read:

21 240.40203 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
22 student eligibility requirements for renewal, reinstatement,
23 and restoration awards.--

24 (1) After the first year of eligibility, a student who
25 wishes to receive ~~To be eligible to renew~~ a scholarship from
26 any of the three types of scholarships under the Florida
27 Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a student must meet the
28 following requirements for either renewal, reinstatement, or
29 restoration:

30 (a) Renewal applies to a student who received an award
31 for at least one term during the previous academic year. For

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1 renewal, a student must complete at least 12 semester credit
2 hours or the equivalent in the last academic year in which the
3 student earned a scholarship and-
4 ~~(b)~~ maintain the cumulative grade point average
5 required by the scholarship program, except that:
6 1. If a recipient's grades fall beneath the average
7 required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are
8 sufficient to renew a Florida Medallion Merit Scholarship ~~or a~~
9 ~~Florida Vocational Gold Seal Scholarship~~, the Department of
10 Education may grant a renewal from the Florida Medallion
11 Scholarship Program ~~one of those other scholarship programs,~~
12 ~~if the student meets the renewal eligibility requirements; or~~
13 2. If upon renewal evaluation, ~~at any time during the~~
14 ~~eligibility period,~~ a student's grades or hours, or both, are
15 not sufficient ~~insufficient~~ to renew the scholarship, the
16 student may use the cumulative grades or hours, or both,
17 earned through the following summer to renew the scholarship
18 ~~restore eligibility by improving the grade point average to~~
19 ~~the required level. A student is eligible for such a~~
20 ~~reinstatement only once.~~ The Legislature encourages
21 educational ~~education~~ institutions to assist students to
22 calculate whether or not it is possible to raise the grade
23 point average during the summer term. ~~If the institution~~
24 ~~determines that it is possible, the education institution may~~
25 ~~so inform the department, which may reserve the student's~~
26 ~~award if funds are available.~~ The renewal, however, must not
27 be granted until the student achieves the required cumulative
28 grade point average and earns the required number of credit
29 hours. If during the summer term the student does not earn ~~is~~
30 ~~not sufficient~~ hours or to raise the grade point average to
31 the required renewal level, the student is not eligible for an

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1 ~~award student's next opportunity for renewal is the fall~~
2 ~~semester of the following academic year.~~

3 (b) Reinstatement applies to a student who was
4 eligible but did not receive an award during the previous
5 academic year or years, and who may apply to reestablish use
6 of the scholarship. For reinstatement, a student must have
7 been eligible at the time of the student's most recent Bright
8 Futures eligibility determination. The student must apply for
9 reinstatement by submitting a reinstatement application by the
10 deadline established by the Department of Education.

11 (c) Restoration applies to a student who did not meet
12 renewal grade-point average or hours-earned requirements at a
13 prior evaluation period. A student may restore eligibility by
14 meeting the required renewal grade-point average at a
15 subsequent renewal evaluation period. A student is eligible
16 for restoration only once. The student must submit a
17 restoration application by the deadlines established by the
18 Department of Education.

19 (2) A student who is enrolled in a program that
20 terminates in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree
21 may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the
22 number of credit hours required to complete the program. A
23 student who is enrolled in a program that terminates in a
24 technical certificate may receive an award for a maximum of
25 110 percent of the credit hours or clock hours required to
26 complete the program up to 90 credit hours. A student who
27 transfers from one of these program levels to another becomes
28 eligible for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

29 (3) A Florida Academic Scholar or a Florida Medallion
30 Scholar who is enrolled in a combined undergraduate and
31 graduate program that terminates in the award of a

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1 post-baccalaureate degree or the simultaneous award of
2 baccalaureate and post-baccalaureate degrees may receive an
3 award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit
4 hours required to complete a standard undergraduate program at
5 the institution attended, at the undergraduate rate.

6 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 240.40204,
7 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 240.40204 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
9 eligible postsecondary education institutions.--A student is
10 eligible for an award or the renewal of an award from the
11 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program if the student
12 meets the requirements for the program as described in this
13 act and is enrolled in a postsecondary education institution
14 that meets the description in any one of the following
15 subsections:

16 (2) An independent Florida college or university that
17 is accredited by an accrediting agency that is recognized by
18 the United States Department of Education ~~a member of the~~
19 ~~Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation~~ and
20 which has operated in the state for at least 3 years.

21 Section 9. Subsections (1) and (4) of section
22 240.40205, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

23 240.40205 Florida Academic Scholars award.--

24 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic
25 Scholars award if the student meets the general eligibility
26 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
27 Program and the student:

28 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as
29 calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, or its equivalent, in
30 high school courses that are adopted by the Board of Regents
31 and recommended by the State Board of Community Colleges as

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1 college-preparatory academic courses; and

2 (b) Has attained at least the score identified by
3 rules of the Department of Education on the combined verbal
4 and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the
5 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic
6 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an
7 equivalent score on the American College Testing Program; or

8 (c) Has attended a home education program according to
9 s. 232.0201 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the
10 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
11 International Baccalaureate Diploma, and has attained at least
12 the score identified by rules of the Department of Education
13 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the
14 Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or
15 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
16 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the American
17 College Testing Program; or

18 (d) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate
19 Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office; or

20 (e) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
21 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
22 scholar or finalist; or

23 (f) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
24 Recognition Program as a scholar recipient.

25 (g) Has been awarded the American International
26 Certificate of Education Diploma from the University of
27 Cambridge.

28
29 ~~Effective with the 1998-1999 school year,~~A student must
30 complete a program of community service work, as approved by
31 the district school board or the administrators of a nonpublic

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1 school, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours of service
2 work and require the student to identify a social problem that
3 interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal
4 involvement in addressing the problem, and, through papers or
5 other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her
6 experience.

7 (4) In each school district, the Florida Academic
8 Scholar with the highest academic ranking shall be designated
9 as an Academic Top Scholar and shall receive an additional
10 award of \$1,500 for college-related expenses. This award must
11 be funded from the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

12 Section 10. Section 240.40206, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 240.40206 Florida Medallion ~~Merit~~ Scholars award.--

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

19 (a)1. Has achieved a weighted grade point average of
20 3.0 as calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, or the equivalent,
21 in high school courses that are adopted by the Board of
22 Regents and recommended by the State Board of Community
23 Colleges as college-preparatory academic courses; and

24 2.(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 (b)(e) Has attended a home education program according
31 to s. 232.0201 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the

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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;—

9 (c) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
10 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
11 scholar or finalist but has not completed a program of
12 community service as provided in s. 240.40205; or

13 (d) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
14 Recognition Program as a scholar, but has not completed a
15 program of community service as provided in s. 240.40205.

16 (2) A Florida Medallion ~~Merit~~ Scholar is eligible for
17 an award equal to the amount required to pay 75 percent of
18 matriculation and fees, if the student is enrolled in a public
19 postsecondary education institution. A student who is enrolled
20 in a nonpublic postsecondary education institution is eligible
21 for an award equal to the amount that would be required to pay
22 75 percent of the matriculation and fees of a public
23 postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.

24 (3) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida
25 Medallion ~~Merit~~ Scholar, a student must maintain the
26 equivalent of a grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for
27 all postsecondary education work attempted, with an
28 opportunity for restoration ~~reinstatement~~ one time as provided
29 in this act.

30 Section 11. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (1)
31 and subsections (3) and (4) of section 240.40207, Florida

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1 Statutes, are amended to read:

2 240.40207 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars
3 award.--The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is
4 created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
5 to recognize and reward academic achievement and vocational
6 preparation by high school students who wish to continue their
7 education.

8 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
9 Vocational Scholars award if the student meets the general
10 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
11 Scholarship Program and the student:

12 (a) ~~Completes the secondary school portion of a~~
13 ~~sequential program of studies that requires at least three~~
14 ~~secondary school vocational credits in the same program taken~~
15 ~~over at least 2 academic years, and is continued in a planned,~~
16 ~~related postsecondary education program. If the student's~~
17 ~~school does not offer such a two-plus-two or tech-prep~~
18 ~~program, the student must complete a job-preparatory career~~
19 ~~education program selected by the Workforce Estimating~~
20 ~~Conference or Workforce Florida, Inc., for its ability to~~
21 ~~provide high-wage employment in an occupation with high~~
22 ~~potential for employment opportunities.~~On-the-job training
23 may not be substituted for any of the three required
24 vocational credits.

25 (c) Earns a minimum cumulative weighted grade point
26 average of 3.0, as calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, on all
27 subjects required for a standard high school diploma,
28 excluding elective courses.

29 (3) To be eligible for a renewal or restoration award
30 as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must meet
31 the requirements of s. 240.40203 and the ~~maintain the~~

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1 ~~equivalent of a grade point average requirement~~ of 2.75 on a
2 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education work attempted. A
3 student has, with an opportunity for one restoration
4 ~~reinstatement one time~~ as provided in this act.

5 (4) A student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational
6 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours
7 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the
8 equivalent. A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar who meets
9 all renewal requirements for the Florida Medallion Scholars
10 award, has a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 in all
11 ~~postsecondary education work attempted~~ may apply for a Florida
12 Medallion Merit Scholars award at any renewal period or the
13 department may transfer the student to the Florida Medallion
14 Scholars Award during any renewal period. All other provisions
15 of that program apply, and the credit-hour limitation must be
16 calculated by subtracting from the student's total eligibility
17 the number of credit hours the student attempted while earning
18 the Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

19 Section 12. Section 240.40209, Florida Statutes, is
20 amended to read:

21 240.40209 Bright Futures Scholarship recipients
22 attending nonpublic institutions; calculation of
23 awards.--Notwithstanding ss. 240.40201, 240.40205, 240.40206,
24 and 240.40207, a student who receives any award under the
25 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, who is enrolled in
26 a nonpublic postsecondary education institution, and who is
27 assessed tuition and fees that are the same as those of a
28 full-time student at that institution, shall receive a fixed
29 award calculated by using the average matriculation and fee
30 calculation as defined by the Department of Education for
31 full-time attendance at a public postsecondary education

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1 institution at the comparable level. If the student is
2 enrolled part-time and is assessed tuition and fees at a
3 reduced level, the award shall be either one-half of the
4 maximum award or three-fourths of the maximum award, depending
5 on the level of fees assessed.

6 Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and
7 subsection (3) of section 240.404, Florida Statutes, are
8 amended to read:

9 240.404 General requirements for student eligibility
10 for state financial aid.--

11 (1)(a) The general requirements for eligibility of
12 students for state financial aid awards consist of the
13 following:

14 1. Achievement of the academic requirements of and
15 acceptance at a state university or community college; a
16 nursing diploma school approved by the Florida Board of
17 Nursing; a Florida college, university, or community college
18 which is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the
19 United States Department of Education ~~a member of the~~
20 ~~Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation~~; any
21 Florida institution the credits of which are acceptable for
22 transfer to state universities; any area technical center; or
23 any private vocational-technical institution accredited by an
24 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department
25 of Education ~~a member of the Commission on Recognition of~~
26 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation~~.

27 2. Residency in this state for no less than 1 year
28 preceding the award of aid for a program established pursuant
29 to s. 240.409, s. 240.4095, s. 240.4097, s. 240.412, s.
30 240.4125, s. 240.413, s. 240.4987, s. 240.605, or s. 240.606.
31 Residency in this state must be for purposes other than to

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1 obtain an education. Resident status for purposes of receiving
2 state financial aid awards shall be determined in the same
3 manner as resident status for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
4 240.1201 and rules of the State Board of Education. A person
5 who has been properly classified as a resident by a
6 postsecondary education institution for initial receipt of
7 state-funded student financial assistance and found to be
8 eligible to participate in a financial assistance program may
9 continue to qualify as a resident for state-funded financial
10 aid programs if the student maintains continuous enrollment at
11 the postsecondary education institution, with no break in
12 enrollment greater than 12 consecutive months.

13 3. Submission of certification attesting to the
14 accuracy, completeness, and correctness of information
15 provided to demonstrate a student's eligibility to receive
16 state financial aid awards. Falsification of such information
17 shall result in the denial of any pending application and
18 revocation of any award currently held to the extent that no
19 further payments shall be made. Additionally, students who
20 knowingly make false statements in order to receive state
21 financial aid awards shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the
22 second degree subject to the provisions of s. 837.06 and shall
23 be required to return all state financial aid awards
24 wrongfully obtained.

25 4. Completion of the Free Application for Federal
26 Student Aid provided by the U.S. Department of Education and
27 submitted as required by the Florida Department of Education.

28 (3) Undergraduate students shall be eligible to
29 receive financial aid for a maximum of 110 percent of the
30 number of credit hours required to complete the program &
31 ~~semesters or 12 quarters. However, undergraduate students~~

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1 ~~participating in college-preparatory instruction, students~~
2 ~~requiring additional time to complete the college-level~~
3 ~~communication and computation skills testing programs, or~~
4 ~~students enrolled in a 5-year undergraduate degree program~~
5 ~~shall be eligible to receive financial aid for a maximum of 10~~
6 ~~semesters or 15 quarters.~~

7 Section 14. Subsection (2) and paragraph (a) of
8 subsection (3) of section 240.4063, Florida Statutes, are
9 amended to read:

10 240.4063 Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable
11 Loan Program.--

12 (2) Within the Florida Teacher Scholarship and
13 Forgivable Loan Program shall be established the "Chappie"
14 James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship, which shall be
15 offered to a top graduating senior from each publicly funded
16 ~~public~~ secondary school in the state. An additional number of
17 "Chappie" James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship awards
18 shall be offered annually to graduating seniors from nonpublic
19 secondary schools in the state which are listed with the
20 Department of Education and accredited by the Southern
21 Association of Colleges and Schools or any other private
22 statewide accrediting agency which makes public its standards,
23 procedures, and member schools. The nonpublic secondary
24 schools shall be in compliance with regulations of the Office
25 for Civil Rights. The number of awards to nonpublic secondary
26 school students shall be proportional to the number of awards
27 available to public secondary school students and shall be
28 calculated as the ratio of the number of nonpublic to public
29 secondary school seniors in the state multiplied by the number
30 of public secondary schools in the state.

31 (a) The scholarship may be used for attendance at a

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1 state university, a community college, or an independent
2 institution as defined in s. 240.605.

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

7 (c) To be eligible for the scholarship, a student
8 shall: be ranked within the top quartile of the senior class;
9 have been an active member of a high school future teacher
10 organization, if such organization exists in the student's
11 school; have earned a minimum unweighted cumulative grade
12 point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; file an application
13 within the application period; meet the general requirements
14 for student eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as
15 otherwise provided in this section; and have the intent to
16 enter the public teaching profession in Florida.

17 (d) Three candidates from each publicly funded ~~public~~
18 secondary school and one candidate from each nonpublic
19 secondary school in the state shall be nominated by the
20 principal and a committee of teachers, based on criteria which
21 shall include, but need not be limited to, rank in class,
22 standardized test scores, cumulative grade point average,
23 extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, an
24 essay, and a declaration of intention to teach in a public
25 school in the state.

26 (e) From public secondary school nominees, the
27 Commissioner of Education shall select a graduating senior
28 from each publicly funded ~~public~~ high school to receive a
29 scholarship. Selection of recipients from nonpublic secondary
30 schools shall be made by a committee appointed by the
31 Commissioner of Education comprised of representatives from

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1 nonpublic secondary schools and the Department of Education.

2 (f) Fifteen percent of scholarships awarded shall be
3 to minority students. However, in the event that fewer than
4 15 percent of the total eligible nominees are minority
5 students, the commissioner may allocate all award funds as
6 long as a scholarship loan is reserved for each eligible
7 minority nominee.

8 (3)(a) Within the Florida Teacher Scholarship and
9 Forgivable Loan Program shall be established the Florida
10 Critical Teacher Shortage Forgivable Loan Program which shall
11 make undergraduate and graduate forgivable loans available to
12 eligible students entering programs of study that lead to a
13 degree in a teaching program in a critical teacher shortage
14 area. To be eligible for a program loan, a candidate shall:

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

19 2. Have declared an intent to teach, for at least the
20 number of years for which a forgivable loan is received, in
21 publicly funded elementary or secondary schools of Florida in
22 a critical teacher shortage area identified by the State Board
23 of Education. For purposes of this chapter subsection, a
24 school is publicly funded if it receives at least 75 percent
25 of its operating costs from governmental agencies and operates
26 its educational program under contract with a public school
27 district or the Department of Education.

28 3. Meet the general requirements for student
29 eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise
30 provided in this section.

31 4. If applying for an undergraduate forgivable loan,

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1 have maintained a minimum cumulative grade point average of
2 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate work. Renewal
3 applicants for undergraduate loans shall maintain a minimum
4 cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 on a 4.0
5 scale for all undergraduate work and have earned at least 12
6 semester credits per term, or the equivalent.

7 5. If applying for a graduate forgivable loan, have
8 maintained an undergraduate cumulative grade point average of
9 at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or have attained a Graduate
10 Record Examination score of at least 1,000. Renewal applicants
11 for graduate loans shall maintain a minimum cumulative grade
12 point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for all
13 graduate work and have earned at least 9 semester credits per
14 term, or the equivalent.

15 Section 15. Subsections (2) and (3) of section
16 240.4064, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

17 240.4064 Critical teacher shortage tuition
18 reimbursement program.--

19 (2) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
20 implement the critical teacher shortage tuition reimbursement
21 program. Any full-time certified teacher in a Florida publicly
22 funded school or developmental research school ~~public school~~
23 ~~employee or developmental research school employee certified~~
24 ~~to teach in this state~~ is eligible for the program. For the
25 purposes of this program, tuition reimbursement shall be
26 limited to courses in critical teacher shortage areas as
27 determined by the State Board of Education. Such courses
28 shall be:

29 (a) Graduate-level courses leading to a master's,
30 specialist, or doctoral degree;

31 (b) Graduate-level courses leading to a new

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1 certification area; or

2 (c) State-approved undergraduate courses leading to an
3 advanced degree or new certification area.

4 (3) Participants may receive tuition reimbursement
5 payments for up to 9 semester hours, or the equivalent in
6 quarter hours, per year, at a rate not to exceed ~~\$115~~^{\$78} per
7 semester hour, up to a total of 36 semester hours. All tuition
8 reimbursements shall be contingent on passing an approved
9 course with a minimum grade of 3.0 or its equivalent.

10 Section 16. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
11 240.409, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 240.409 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant
13 Program; eligibility for grants.--

14 (2)(a) State student assistance grants through the
15 program may be made only to ~~full-time~~ degree-seeking students
16 who enroll in at least 6 semester hours or the equivalent, per
17 term and who meet the general requirements for student
18 eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise
19 provided in this section. Such grants shall be awarded
20 annually for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for the
21 cost of education and may not exceed an amount equal to the
22 average prior academic year cost of matriculation fees and
23 other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state
24 universities or such other amount as specified in the General
25 Appropriations Act, to any recipient. A demonstrated unmet
26 need of less than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible
27 for a state student assistance grant. Recipients of such
28 grants must have been accepted at a state university or
29 community college authorized by Florida law. ~~A No~~ student is
30 eligible for the award for 110 percent of the number of credit
31 hours required to complete the program ~~may receive an award~~

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1 ~~for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of~~
2 ~~full-time enrollment~~, except as otherwise provided in s.
3 240.404(3).

4 Section 17. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
5 240.4095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

6 240.4095 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant
7 Program; eligibility for grants.--

8 (2)(a) Florida private student assistance grants from
9 the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund may be made
10 only to full-time degree-seeking students who meet the general
11 requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.
12 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this section. Such
13 grants shall be awarded for the amount of demonstrated unmet
14 need for tuition and fees and may not exceed an amount equal
15 to the average matriculation and other registration fees for
16 30 credit hours at state universities plus \$1,000 per academic
17 year, or as specified in the General Appropriations Act, to
18 any applicant. A demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200
19 shall render the applicant ineligible for a Florida private
20 student assistance grant. Recipients of such grants must have
21 been accepted at a baccalaureate-degree-granting independent
22 nonprofit college or university, which is accredited by the
23 Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges
24 and Schools and which is located in and chartered as a
25 domestic corporation by the state. A No student is eligible
26 for the award for 110 percent of credit hours required to
27 complete the program may receive an award for more than the
28 equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time
29 enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3).

30 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
31 240.4097, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1 240.4097 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance
2 Grant Program; eligibility for grants.--

3 (2)(a) Florida postsecondary student assistance grants
4 through the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund may
5 be made only to full time degree-seeking students who meet the
6 general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.
7 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this section. Such
8 grants shall be awarded for the amount of demonstrated unmet
9 need for tuition and fees and may not exceed an amount equal
10 to the average prior academic year cost of matriculation and
11 other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state
12 universities plus \$1,000 per academic year, or as specified in
13 the General Appropriations Act, to any applicant. A
14 demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 shall render the
15 applicant ineligible for a Florida postsecondary student
16 assistance grant. Recipients of such grants must have been
17 accepted at a postsecondary institution that is located in the
18 state and that is:

19 1. A private nursing diploma school approved by the
20 Florida Board of Nursing; or

21 2. An institution either licensed by the State Board
22 of Independent Colleges and Universities or exempt from
23 licensure pursuant to s. 246.085(1)(a), excluding those
24 institutions the students of which are eligible to receive a
25 Florida private student assistance grant pursuant to s.
26 240.4095.

27
28 A No student is eligible for the award for 110 percent of the
29 number of credit hours required to complete the program may
30 ~~receive an award for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters~~
31 ~~or 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except as otherwise~~

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1 provided in s. 240.404(3).

2 Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) and
3 subsection (6) of section 240.412, Florida Statutes, are
4 amended to read:

5 240.412 Jose Marti Scholarship Challenge Grant
6 Program.--

7 (5)(a) In order to be eligible to receive a
8 scholarship pursuant to this section, an applicant shall:

9 1. Be a Hispanic-American, or a person of Spanish
10 culture with origins in Mexico, South America, Central
11 America, or the Caribbean, regardless of race.

12 2. Be a citizen of the United States and meet the
13 general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.
14 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this section.

15 3. Be accepted at a state university or community
16 college or any Florida college or university accredited by an
17 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department
18 of Education ~~a member of the Commission on Recognition of~~
19 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation the credits of which are~~
20 ~~acceptable without qualification for transfer to state~~
21 ~~universities.~~

22 4. Enroll as a full-time undergraduate ~~or graduate~~
23 student.

24 5. Earn a 3.0 unweighted grade point average on a 4.0
25 scale, or the equivalent for high school subjects creditable
26 toward a diploma. ~~If an applicant applies as a graduate~~
27 ~~student, he or she shall have earned a 3.0 cumulative grade~~
28 ~~point average for undergraduate college-level courses.~~

29 (6) The annual scholarship to each recipient shall be
30 \$2,000. Priority in the distribution of scholarships shall be
31 given to students with the lowest total family resources.

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1 Renewal scholarships shall take precedence over new awards in
2 any year in which funds are not sufficient to meet the total
3 need. No undergraduate student shall receive an award for
4 more than the equivalent of 8 semesters or 12 quarters over a
5 period of no more than 6 consecutive years, except as
6 otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3). ~~No graduate student shall
7 receive an award for more than the equivalent of 4 semesters
8 or 6 quarters.~~

9 Section 20. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
10 240.4126, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 240.4126 Rosewood Family Scholarship Program.--

12 (2) The Rosewood Family Scholarship Program shall be
13 administered by the Department of Education. The State Board
14 of Education shall adopt rules for administering this program
15 which shall at a minimum provide for the following:

16 (a) The annual award to a student shall be ~~up to~~
17 \$4,000 ~~but should not exceed an amount in excess of tuition~~
18 ~~and registration fees.~~

19 Section 21. Subsection (3) of section 240.4128,
20 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

21 240.4128 Minority teacher education scholars
22 program.--There is created the minority teacher education
23 scholars program, which is a collaborative performance-based
24 scholarship program for African-American, Hispanic-American,
25 Asian-American, and Native American students. The participants
26 in the program include Florida's public community colleges and
27 its public and private universities that have teacher
28 education programs.

29 (3) The total amount appropriated annually for new
30 scholarships in the program must be divided by \$4,000 and by
31 the number of participating colleges and universities. Each

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1 participating institution has access to the same number of
2 scholarships and may award all of them to eligible minority
3 students. If a college or university does not award all of its
4 scholarships by the date set by the program administration at
5 the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., the remaining
6 scholarships must be transferred to another institution that
7 has eligible students. Each participating institution shall
8 report to the department by the established date the eligible
9 students to whom grant moneys are disbursed each academic
10 term. Each institution shall also report to the department
11 demographic and eligibility data for the recipient.

12 Section 22. Subsection (2) of section 240.413, Florida
13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 240.413 Seminole and Miccosukee Indian Scholarships.--

15 (2) Scholarships shall be awarded by the department to
16 students who:

17 (a) Have graduated from high school, have earned an
18 equivalency diploma issued by the Department of Education
19 pursuant to s. 229.814, have earned an equivalency diploma
20 issued by the United States Armed Forces Institute, or have
21 been accepted through an early admission program;

22 (b) Are enrolled at a state university or community
23 college authorized by Florida law; a nursing diploma school
24 approved by the Board of Nursing; any Florida college,
25 university, or community college which is accredited by an
26 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department
27 of Education ~~a member of the Commission on Recognition of~~
28 ~~Postsecondary Accreditation; or any Florida institution the~~
29 ~~credits of which are acceptable for transfer to state~~
30 ~~universities;~~

31 (c) Are enrolled as either full-time or part-time

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1 undergraduate or graduate students and make satisfactory
2 academic progress as defined by the college or university;

3 (d) Have been recommended by the Seminole Tribe of
4 Florida or the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida; and

5 (e) Meet the general requirements for student
6 eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise
7 provided in this section.

8 Section 23. Subsection (6) of section 240.437, Florida
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 240.437 Student financial aid planning and
11 development.--

12 (6) ~~Effective July 1, 1992,~~All new and existing
13 financial assistance programs authorized under this part, and
14 those programs in other parts of the Florida Statutes which
15 are administered by the Florida Department of Education,
16 Bureau of Student Financial Assistance,which are not funded
17 for 3 consecutive years after enactment shall stand repealed.
18 Financial aid programs provided under this part on July 1,
19 1992, which lose funding for 3 consecutive years shall stand
20 repealed. The Bureau ~~Office~~ of Student Financial Assistance of
21 the Department of Education shall annually review the
22 legislative appropriation of financial aid to identify such
23 programs.

24 Section 24. Subsection (13) of section 240.472,
25 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

26 240.472 Definitions.--As used in this act:

27 (13) "Institution" means any college or university
28 which, by virtue of law or charter, is accredited by an
29 accrediting agency that is recognized by the United States
30 Department of Education ~~and holds membership in the Commission~~
31 ~~on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation;~~ which grants

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1 baccalaureate or associate degrees; which is not a pervasively
2 sectarian institution; and which does not discriminate in the
3 admission of students on the basis of race, color, religion,
4 sex, or creed.

5 Section 25. Subsection (1) and paragraph (d) of
6 subsection (2) of section 240.6073, Florida Statutes, are
7 amended to read:

8 240.6073 Critical Occupational Therapist or Physical
9 Therapist Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness Program.--

10 (1) There is established the Critical Occupational
11 Therapist or Physical Therapist Shortage Student Loan
12 Forgiveness Program. The primary function of the program is
13 to make repayments toward loans received by students from
14 institutions for the support of postsecondary study of
15 occupational therapy or physical therapy. Repayments shall be
16 made to qualified applicants who initiate employment in the
17 publicly funded public schools of this state and who apply
18 during their first year of employment in a public school
19 setting.

20 (2) From the funds available, the Department of
21 Education is authorized to make loan principal repayments as
22 follows:

23 (d) All repayments shall be contingent on continued
24 proof of employment for 3 years as a therapist or therapy
25 assistant by the publicly funded public schools in this state
26 and shall be made directly to the holder of the loan or, if
27 the loan is paid in full, directly to the therapist. The state
28 shall not bear the responsibility for the collection of any
29 interest charges or other remaining balance. In the event
30 that a critical shortage is no longer verified, a therapist or
31 therapy assistant shall continue to be eligible for loan

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1 forgiveness as long as the therapist or therapy assistant
2 continues to be employed by the public schools of this state
3 and otherwise meets all conditions of eligibility.

4 Section 26. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and
5 subsection (4) of section 240.6074, Florida Statutes, are
6 amended to read:

7 240.6074 Critical Occupational Therapist or Physical
8 Therapist Shortage Scholarship Loan Program.--

9 (2) To be eligible, a candidate shall:

10 (b) Have declared an intention to be employed by the
11 publicly funded ~~public~~ schools of this state for 3 years
12 following completion of the requirements. In the event
13 critical shortage areas are changed by the State Board of
14 Education, a student shall continue to be eligible for an
15 award as long as the student continues in the therapist
16 educational program for which the initial award was made and
17 the student otherwise meets all other conditions of
18 eligibility.

19 (4) The State Board of Education shall adopt by rule
20 repayment schedules and applicable interest rates under ss.
21 240.451 and 240.465. A scholarship loan must be paid back
22 within 10 years of completion of a program of studies.

23 (a) Credit for repayment of a scholarship loan shall
24 be in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 plus applicable accrued
25 interest for each full year of employment by the publicly
26 funded ~~public~~ schools of this state.

27 (b) Any therapist or therapy assistant who fails to be
28 employed by a publicly funded ~~public~~ school in this state as
29 specified in this subsection is responsible for repaying the
30 loan plus interest. Repayment schedules and applicable
31 interest rates shall be determined by the rules of the State

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1 Board of Education under ss. 240.451 and 240.465.

2 Section 27. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section
3 240.6075, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

4 240.6075 Critical Occupational Therapist or Physical
5 Therapist Shortage Tuition Reimbursement Program.--

6 (1) There is established the Critical Occupational
7 Therapist or Physical Therapist Shortage Tuition Reimbursement
8 Program to improve the skills and knowledge of current
9 therapists and therapy assistants who are employed by a
10 publicly funded school in this state ~~the public school system~~.

11 (2) Any full-time ~~public school~~ employee in a publicly
12 funded school in this state who is licensed to practice
13 occupational therapy or physical therapy in this state is
14 eligible for the program.

15 (4) The participant shall be employed by a publicly
16 funded school ~~the public schools~~ of this state for 3 years
17 following completion of the requirements.

18 Section 28. Section 295.01, Florida Statutes, is
19 amended to read:

20 295.01 Children of deceased or disabled veterans;
21 education.--

22 (1) It is ~~hereby~~ declared to be the policy of the
23 state to provide educational opportunity at state expense for
24 dependent children either of whose parents was a resident of
25 the state at the time such parent entered the Armed Forces
26 and:

27 (a) Died in that service or from injuries sustained or
28 disease contracted during a period of wartime service as
29 defined in s. 1.01(14) or has died since or may hereafter die
30 from diseases or disability resulting from such war service,
31 or

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1 (b) Has been:

2 1. Determined by the United States Department of
3 Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a
4 service-connected 100-percent total and permanent disability
5 rating for compensation,

6 2. Determined to have a service-connected total and
7 permanent disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt
8 of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United
9 States Armed Services, or

10 3. Issued a valid identification card by the
11 Department of Veterans' Affairs in accordance with s. 295.17.7

12 (2) ~~when~~ The parents of such children must have been
13 bona fide residents of the state for 5 years ~~next~~ preceding
14 their application for the benefits under this section hereof,
15 ~~and subject to the rules, restrictions, and limitations~~
16 ~~hereof~~.

17 (3)~~(2)~~ The provisions of ss. 240.404, 295.03, 295.04,
18 and 295.05 shall apply.

19 (4)~~(3)~~ The State Board of Education shall adopt rules
20 for administering this section.

21 Section 29. Section 295.02, Florida Statutes, is
22 amended to read:

23 295.02 Use of funds; age, etc.--

24 (1) All sums appropriated and expended under this
25 chapter shall be used to pay matriculation tuition and
26 registration fees as defined by the Department of Education,
27 board, and room rent and to buy books and supplies for the
28 children of:

29 (a) Deceased or disabled veterans or service members,
30 as defined and limited in s. 295.01, s. 295.016, s. 295.017,
31 s. 295.018, or s. 295.0195;7~~or of~~

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1 (b) Parents classified as prisoners of war or missing
2 in action, as defined and limited in s. 295.015.7

3 (2) Such children must be ~~who are~~ between the ages of
4 16 and 22 years and attend ~~who are in attendance at~~ a
5 state-supported institution of higher learning, including a
6 community college or vocational-technical school or attend any
7 postsecondary institution eligible to participate in the
8 Florida Bright Futures Program. A student attending an
9 eligible nonpublic institution may receive an award equivalent
10 to the average matriculation and fees calculated for full-time
11 enrollment at a public postsecondary institution at the
12 comparable level. Any child having entered upon a course of
13 training or education under the provisions of this chapter,
14 consisting of a course of not more than 4 years, and arriving
15 at the age of 22 years before the completion of such course
16 may continue the course and receive all benefits of the
17 provisions of this chapter until the course is completed. The
18 Department of Education shall administer this educational
19 program subject to regulations of the department.

20 Section 30. Subsection (1) of section 240.235, Florida
21 Statutes, is amended to read:

22 240.235 Fees.--

23 (1) Each university may ~~is authorized to~~ establish
24 separate activity and service, health, and athletic fees.
25 When duly established, these ~~the~~ fees shall be collected as
26 component parts of the registration and tuition fees and shall
27 be retained by the university and paid into the separate
28 activity and service, health, and athletic funds.

29 (a)1. Each university president shall establish a
30 student activity and service fee on the main campus of the
31 university. The university president may also establish a

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1 student activity and service fee on any branch campus or
2 center. Any subsequent modification ~~increase~~ in the activity
3 and service fee must be recommended by an activity and service
4 fee committee, at least one-half of whom are students
5 appointed by the student body president. The remainder of the
6 committee shall be appointed by the university president. A
7 chairperson, appointed jointly by the university president and
8 the student body president, may ~~shall~~ vote only in the case of
9 a tie. The recommendations of the committee shall take effect
10 only after approval by the university president, after
11 consultation with the student body president, with final
12 approval by the Board of Regents. An increase in the activity
13 and service fee may occur only once each fiscal year and must
14 be implemented beginning with the fall term. The Board of
15 Regents is responsible for promulgating the rules and
16 timetables necessary to implement this fee.

17 2. The student activity and service fees shall be
18 expended for lawful purposes to benefit the student body in
19 general. These purposes ~~This~~ shall include, but are ~~shall~~ not
20 ~~be~~ limited to, student publications and grants to duly
21 recognized student organizations, the membership of which is
22 open to all students at the university without regard to race,
23 sex, or religion. The fund may not benefit activities for
24 which an admission fee is charged to students, except for
25 student-government-sponsored
26 ~~student-government-association-sponsored~~ concerts. The
27 allocation and expenditure of the fund shall be determined by
28 the student government ~~association~~ of the university, except
29 that the president of the university may veto any line item or
30 portion thereof within the budget when submitted by the
31 student government ~~association~~ legislative body. The

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1 university president shall have 15 school days from the date
2 of presentation of the budget to act on the allocation and
3 expenditure recommendations, which shall be deemed approved if
4 no action is taken within the 15 school days. If any line item
5 or portion thereof within the budget is vetoed, the student
6 government ~~association~~ legislative body shall within 15 school
7 days make new budget recommendations for expenditure of the
8 vetoed portion of the fund. If the university president
9 vetoes any line item or portion thereof within the new budget
10 revisions, the university president may reallocate by line
11 item that vetoed portion to bond obligations guaranteed by
12 activity and service fees. Unexpended funds and undisbursed
13 funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall be carried
14 over and remain in the student activity and service fund and
15 be available for allocation and expenditure during the next
16 fiscal year.

17 (b) Each university president shall establish a
18 student health fee on the main campus of the university. The
19 university president may also establish a student health fee
20 on any branch campus or center. Any subsequent modification
21 ~~increase~~ in the health fee must be recommended by a health
22 committee, at least one-half of whom are students appointed by
23 the student body president. The remainder of the committee
24 shall be appointed by the university president. A
25 chairperson, appointed jointly by the university president and
26 the student body president, may ~~shall~~ vote only in the case of
27 a tie. The recommendations of the committee shall take effect
28 only after approval by the university president, after
29 consultation with the student body president, with final
30 approval by the Board of Regents. An increase in the health
31 fee may occur only once each fiscal year and must be

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1 implemented beginning with the fall term. The Board of Regents
2 is responsible for promulgating the rules and timetables
3 necessary to implement this fee.

4 (c) Each university president shall establish a
5 separate athletic fee on the main campus of the university.
6 The university president may also establish a separate
7 athletic fee on any branch campus or center. The initial
8 aggregate athletic fee at each university shall be equal to,
9 but may be no greater than, the 1982-1983 per-credit-hour
10 activity and service fee contributed to intercollegiate
11 athletics, including women's athletics, as provided by s.
12 240.533. Concurrently with the establishment of the athletic
13 fee, the activity and service fee shall experience a one-time
14 reduction equal to the initial aggregate athletic fee. Any
15 subsequent modification ~~increase~~ in the athletic fee must be
16 recommended by an athletic fee committee, at least one-half of
17 whom are students appointed by the student body president.
18 The remainder of the committee shall be appointed by the
19 university president. A chairperson, appointed jointly by the
20 university president and the student body president, may ~~shall~~
21 vote only in the case of a tie. The recommendations of the
22 committee shall take effect only after approval by the
23 university president, after consultation with the student body
24 president, with final approval by the Board of Regents. An
25 increase in the athletic fee may occur only once each fiscal
26 year and must be implemented beginning with the fall term. The
27 Board of Regents is responsible for promulgating the rules and
28 timetables necessary to implement this fee.

29 Section 31. Section 240.236, Florida Statutes, is
30 created to read:

31 240.236 University student governments.--

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1 (1) There is created within each state university a
2 student government that shall be organized and maintained by
3 students as the official representatives of the student body.
4 Each student government shall be composed of at least a
5 student body president and a student legislative body. Interim
6 vacancies may be filled in a manner other than election as
7 prescribed by the student government. Each student government
8 may adopt internal procedures governing:

9 (a) The operation and administration of the student
10 government.

11 (b) The election, appointment, removal, and discipline
12 of officers of the student government.

13 (c) The execution of all other duties as prescribed to
14 the student government by law.

15 (2) Any elected officer of the student government of a
16 state university may be removed from office by the majority
17 vote of students participating in a referendum held pursuant
18 to the provisions of this section. The student government
19 shall develop a procedure by which students may petition for a
20 referendum to remove from office an elected officer of the
21 student government. The grounds for removal of a student
22 government officer by petition must be expressly contained in
23 the petition and are limited to the following: malfeasance,
24 misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence, permanent
25 inability to perform official duties, or conviction of a
26 felony. The referendum must be held no more than 60 days after
27 the filing of the petition.

28 (3) The student government shall develop procedures
29 providing for the suspension and removal of an elected student
30 government officer following the conviction of that officer of
31 a felony.

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1 (4) Each student government is a part of the
2 university at which it is established. The internal procedures
3 adopted by the student government under this section are
4 subject to final approval by the university president.

5 Section 32. Subsection (3) of section 240.295, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 240.295 State University System; authorization for
8 fixed capital outlay projects.--

9 (3) Other than those projects currently authorized, no
10 project proposed by a university which is to be funded from
11 Capital Improvement Trust Fund fees or building fees shall be
12 submitted to the Board of Regents for approval without prior
13 consultation with the student government ~~association~~ of that
14 university. The Board of Regents shall adopt ~~promulgate~~ rules
15 that ~~which~~ are consistent with this requirement.

16 Section 33. Section 240.336, Florida Statutes, is
17 created to read:

18 240.336 Community college student governments.--

19 (1) There is created within each community college a
20 student government that shall be organized and maintained by
21 students as the official representatives of the student body.
22 Each student government shall be composed of at least a
23 student body president and a student legislative body. Interim
24 vacancies may be filled in a manner other than election as
25 prescribed by the student government. Each student government
26 may adopt internal procedures governing:

27 (a) The operation and administration of the student
28 government.

29 (b) The election, appointment, removal, and discipline
30 of officers of the student government.

31 (c) The execution of all other duties as prescribed to

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1 the student government by law.

2 (2) Any elected officer of the student government of a
3 community college may be removed from office by the majority
4 vote of students participating in a referendum held pursuant
5 to the provisions of this section. The student government
6 shall develop a procedure by which students may petition for a
7 referendum to remove from office an elected officer of the
8 student government. The grounds for removal of a student
9 government officer by petition must be expressly contained in
10 the petition and are limited to the following: malfeasance,
11 misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence, permanent
12 inability to perform official duties, or conviction of a
13 felony. The referendum must be held no more than 60 days after
14 the filing of the petition.

15 (3) The student government shall develop procedures
16 providing for the suspension and removal of an elected student
17 government officer following the conviction of that officer of
18 a felony.

19 (4) Each student government is a part of the community
20 college at which it is established. The internal procedures
21 adopted by the student government under this section are
22 subject to final approval by the community college president.

23 Section 34. Subsection (2) of section 240.382, Florida
24 Statutes, is amended to read:

25 240.382 Establishment of child development training
26 centers at community colleges.--

27 (2) In consultation with the student government
28 ~~association~~ or a recognized student group representing the
29 student body, the district board of trustees of any community
30 college may establish a child development training center in
31 accordance with this section. Each child development training

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1 center shall be a child care center established to provide
 2 child care during the day and at variable hours, including
 3 evenings and weekends, for the children of students. Emphasis
 4 should be placed on serving students who demonstrate financial
 5 need as defined by the district board of trustees. At least 50
 6 percent of the child care slots must be made available to
 7 students, and financially needy students, as defined by the
 8 district board of trustees, shall receive child care slots
 9 first. The center may serve the children of staff, employees,
 10 and faculty; however, a designated number of child care slots
 11 shall not be allocated for employees. Whenever possible, the
 12 center shall be located on the campus of the community
 13 college. However, the board may elect to provide child care
 14 services for students through alternative mechanisms, which
 15 may include contracting with private providers.

16 Section 35. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section
 17 240.531, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

18 240.531 Establishment of educational research centers
 19 for child development.--

20 (1) Upon approval of the university president, the
 21 student government ~~association~~ of any university within the
 22 State University System may establish an educational research
 23 center for child development in accordance with the provisions
 24 of this section. Each such center shall be a child day care
 25 center established to provide care for the children of
 26 students, both graduate and undergraduate, faculty, and other
 27 staff and employees of the university and to provide an
 28 opportunity for interested schools or departments of the
 29 university to conduct educational research programs and
 30 establish internship programs within such centers. Whenever
 31 possible, such center shall be located on the campus of the

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1 university. There shall be a director of each center,
2 selected by the board of directors of the center.

3 (2) There shall be a board of directors for each
4 educational research center for child development, consisting
5 of the president of the university or his or her designee, the
6 student body ~~government~~ president or his or her designee, the
7 chair of each department participating in the center or his or
8 her designee, and one parent for each 50 children enrolled in
9 the center, elected by the parents of children enrolled in the
10 center. The director of the center shall be an ex officio,
11 nonvoting member of the board. The board shall establish
12 local policies and perform local oversight and operational
13 guidance for the center.

14 (4) The Board of Regents shall adopt ~~is authorized and~~
15 ~~directed to promulgate~~ rules for the establishment, operation,
16 and supervision of educational research centers for child
17 development. These ~~Such~~ rules shall include, but are ~~need~~ not
18 ~~be~~ limited to, + a defined method of establishment of and
19 participation in the operation of centers by the appropriate
20 student governments, ~~government associations~~; guidelines for
21 the establishment of an intern program in each center, + and
22 guidelines for the receipt and monitoring of funds from grants
23 and other sources of funds consistent with existing laws.

24 Section 36. Subsection (18) of section 447.203,
25 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

26 447.203 Definitions.--As used in this part:

27 (18) "Student representative" means the representative
28 selected by each community college student government
29 ~~association~~ and the council of student body presidents. Each
30 representative may be present at all negotiating sessions
31 which take place between the appropriate public employer and

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1 an exclusive bargaining agent. The ~~Said~~ representative shall
2 be enrolled as a student with at least 8 credit hours in the
3 respective community college or in the State University System
4 during his or her term as student representative.

5 Section 37. Subsection (5) of section 447.301, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 447.301 Public employees' rights; organization and
8 representation.--

9 (5) In negotiations over the terms and conditions of
10 service and other matters affecting the working environment of
11 employees, or the learning environment of students, in
12 institutions of higher education, one student representative
13 selected by the council of student body presidents may, at his
14 or her discretion, be present at all negotiating sessions
15 which take place between the Board of Regents and the
16 bargaining agent for an employee bargaining unit. In the case
17 of community colleges, the student government ~~association~~ of
18 each college shall establish procedures for the selection of,
19 and shall select, a student representative to be present, at
20 his or her discretion, at negotiations between the bargaining
21 agent of the employees and the board of trustees. Each
22 student representative shall have access to all written draft
23 agreements and all other written documents pertaining to
24 negotiations exchanged by the appropriate public employer and
25 the bargaining agent, including a copy of any prepared written
26 transcripts of any negotiating session. Each student
27 representative shall have the right at reasonable times during
28 the negotiating session to comment to the parties and to the
29 public upon the impact of proposed agreements on the
30 educational environment of students. Each student
31 representative shall have the right to be accompanied by

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1 alternates or aides, not to exceed a combined total of two in
2 number. Each student representative shall be obligated to
3 participate in good faith during all negotiations and shall be
4 subject to the rules and regulations of the Public Employees
5 Relations Commission. The student representatives shall have
6 neither voting nor veto power in any negotiation, action, or
7 agreement. The state or any branch, agency, division, agent,
8 or institution of the state shall not expend any moneys from
9 any source for the payment of reimbursement for travel
10 expenses or per diem to aides, alternates, or student
11 representatives participating in, observing, or contributing
12 to any negotiating sessions between the bargaining parties;
13 however, this limitation does not apply to the use of student
14 activity fees for the reimbursement of travel expenses and per
15 diem to the university student representative, aides, or
16 alternates participating in the aforementioned negotiations
17 between the Board of Regents and the bargaining agent for an
18 employee bargaining unit.

19 Section 38. A Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree
20 program is authorized at the University of West Florida.

21 Section 39. A Master of Science in Social Work degree
22 program is authorized at Florida Atlantic University.

23 Section 40. Section 240.136, Florida Statutes, is
24 repealed.

25 Section 41. Sections 240.40208, 240.40242, and
26 subsection (5) of section 240.465, Florida Statutes, are
27 repealed.

28 Section 42. Except as otherwise provided in this act,
29 this act shall take effect July 1, 2001.

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1 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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5 and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to student financial

8 assistance; creating the Vocational Student

9 Assistance Grant Program; providing eligibility

10 criteria for students and educational

11 institutions; establishing conditions for the

12 amount of an award; providing program criteria;

13 providing restrictions; providing

14 administrative procedures; requiring certain

15 reports; requiring recommendations of the

16 Postsecondary Education Planning Commission,

17 the State Board of Nonpublic Career Education,

18 and the State Board of Independent Colleges and

19 Universities; amending s. 231.621, F.S.;

20 authorizing alternative payment procedures for

21 a loan forgiveness program; amending ss.

22 240.209, 240.35, F.S.; increasing the

23 percentage of funds from the financial aid fee

24 to be used for need-based financial aid for

25 students at state universities and community

26 colleges; requiring a report; amending s.

27 240.40201, F.S.; extending and placing a limit

28 upon the eligibility period for the Florida

29 Bright Futures Scholarship Program;

30 redesignating the Florida Merit Scholarship as

31 the Florida Medallion Scholarship; amending s.

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1 240.40202, F.S.; defining terms; revising
2 application dates for the Florida Bright
3 Futures Scholarship Program; requiring school
4 districts to provide an annual report to
5 students; amending s. 240.40203, F.S.; defining
6 terms; providing conditions for awards to
7 students in programs that confer
8 post-baccalaureate degrees; conforming
9 provisions; amending s. 240.40204, F.S.;
10 conforming provisions; amending s. 240.40205,
11 F.S.; eliminating obsolete provisions;
12 expanding eligibility for the Florida Academic
13 Scholarship; amending s. 240.40206, s.
14 240.40207, F.S.; conforming provisions;
15 amending s. 240.40209, F.S.; directing the
16 Department of Education to define fee
17 calculation; amending s. 240.404, F.S.;
18 requiring an application process; providing
19 conditions for maintaining status as a resident
20 for tuition purposes; amending s. 240.4063,
21 F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s.
22 240.4064, F.S.; revising the tuition
23 reimbursement rate; amending s. 240.409, F.S.;
24 authorizing certain grants for part-time
25 students; revising terms of eligibility for
26 certain grants; amending ss. 240.4095,
27 240.4097, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending
28 s. 240.412, F.S.; conforming provisions;
29 amending s. 240.4126, F.S.; establishing the
30 amount of an award; conforming provisions;
31 amending ss. 240.4128, 240.413, F.S.;

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1 conforming provisions; amending s. 240.437,
2 F.S.; authorizing administration by the
3 Department of Education for certain scholarship
4 programs; amending ss. 240.472, 240.6073,
5 240.6074, 240.6075, F.S.; conforming
6 provisions; amending ss. 295.01, 295.02, F.S.;
7 providing eligibility for students attending
8 certain postsecondary institutions; repealing
9 s. 240.40208, F.S., relating to the transition
10 period for the Bright Futures Scholarship
11 Program; repealing s. 240.40242, F.S., relating
12 to criteria for use of certain scholarship
13 funds by children of deceased or disabled
14 veterans; amending s. 240.235, F.S.; requiring
15 the approval of certain student fee
16 modifications, rather than just increases, by
17 certain committees; conforming provisions;
18 creating s. 240.236, F.S.; providing for the
19 establishment of student governments at each
20 state university with the authority to
21 establish certain procedures and to provide for
22 the election or removal of student government
23 officers; providing powers and duties;
24 providing for suspension or removal from office
25 under certain circumstances; amending s.
26 240.295, F.S.; conforming provisions; creating
27 s. 240.336, F.S.; providing for student
28 governments at community colleges; amending ss.
29 240.382, 240.531, 447.203, 447.301, F.S.;
30 conforming provisions; repealing s. 240.136,
31 F.S., relating to the removal and suspension of

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1 student government officers; authorizing a
2 Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program
3 at the University of West Florida; authorizing
4 a Master of Science in Social Work degree
5 program at Florida Atlantic University;
6 repealing s. 240.465(5), F.S., relating to
7 withholding the academic transcript of a
8 borrower who is in default in repayment of
9 student loans; providing effective dates.

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