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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)~~(c)~~ 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~~<sup>\$78</sup> 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.

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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; ~~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.<sup>7</sup>

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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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 education; creating the

8 Vocational Student Assistance Grant Program;

9 providing eligibility criteria for students and

10 educational institutions; establishing

11 conditions for the amount of an award;

12 providing program criteria; providing

13 restrictions; providing administrative

14 procedures; requiring certain reports;

15 requiring recommendations of the Postsecondary

16 Education Planning Commission, the State Board

17 of Nonpublic Career Education, and the State

18 Board of Independent Colleges and Universities;

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

20 alternative payment procedures for a loan

21 forgiveness program; amending ss. 240.209,

22 240.35, F.S.; increasing the percentage of

23 funds from the financial aid fee to be used for

24 need-based financial aid for students at state

25 universities and community colleges; requiring

26 a report; amending s. 240.40201, F.S.;

27 extending and placing a limit upon the

28 eligibility period for the Florida Bright

29 Futures Scholarship Program; redesignating the

30 Florida Merit Scholarship as the Florida

31 Medallion Scholarship; amending s. 240.40202,

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1 F.S.; defining terms; revising application  
2 dates for the Florida Bright Futures  
3 Scholarship Program; requiring school districts  
4 to provide an annual report to students;  
5 amending s. 240.40203, F.S.; defining terms;  
6 providing conditions for awards to students in  
7 programs that confer post-baccalaureate  
8 degrees; conforming provisions; amending s.  
9 240.40204, F.S.; conforming provisions;  
10 amending s. 240.40205, F.S.; eliminating  
11 obsolete provisions; expanding eligibility for  
12 the Florida Academic Scholarship; amending s.  
13 240.40206, s. 240.40207, F.S.; conforming  
14 provisions; amending s. 240.40209, F.S.;  
15 directing the Department of Education to define  
16 fee calculation; amending s. 240.404, F.S.;  
17 requiring an application process; providing  
18 conditions for maintaining status as a resident  
19 for tuition purposes; amending s. 240.4063,  
20 F.S.; conforming provisions; amending s.  
21 240.4064, F.S.; revising the tuition  
22 reimbursement rate; amending s. 240.409, F.S.;  
23 authorizing certain grants for part-time  
24 students; revising terms of eligibility for  
25 certain grants; amending ss. 240.4095,  
26 240.4097, F.S.; conforming provisions; amending  
27 s. 240.412, F.S.; conforming provisions;  
28 amending s. 240.4126, F.S.; establishing the  
29 amount of an award; conforming provisions;  
30 amending ss. 240.4128, 240.413, F.S.;  
31 conforming provisions; amending s. 240.437,

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

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