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Representative(s) Diaz-Balart and Wiles offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 13, line 27, through page 37, line 17,
remove from the bill: all of said lines

and insert in lieu thereof:

Section 5. Subsections (1), (2), and (7) of section
240.40201, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

240.40201 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
Program.--

(1) The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is
created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to
reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition
of high academic achievement and who enrolls in a degree
program, certificate program, or applied technology diploma
program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary
education institution within 7 3 years of graduation from high
school. No award shall be provided to a student beyond 7 years
after high school graduation, regardless of the year in which
a student first receives scholarship funding.

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1 (2) The Bright Futures Scholarship Program consists of
2 three types of awards, the Florida Academic Scholarship, the
3 Florida Medallion ~~Merit~~ Scholarship, and the Florida
4 ~~Vocational~~ Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

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 Vocational Scholarship to a Florida
12 Academic Scholarship. A student who receives an award from the
13 program may also receive a federal family education loan or a
14 federal direct loan, and the value of the award must be
15 considered in the certification or calculation of the
16 student's loan eligibility.

17 Section 6. Section 240.40202, Florida Statutes, is
18 amended to read:

19 240.40202 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
20 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.--

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

24 (a) Be a Florida resident as defined in s. 240.404 and
25 rules of the State Board of Education.

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

28 1. The student is enrolled full time in the early
29 admission program of an eligible postsecondary education
30 institution or completes a home education program according to
31 s. 232.0201; or

1 2. The student earns a high school diploma from a
2 non-Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who
3 is on military or public service assignment away from Florida.
4 "Public service assignment," as used in this subparagraph,
5 means the occupational assignment outside Florida of a person
6 who is a permanent resident of Florida and who is employed by
7 the United States Government or the State of Florida, a
8 condition of which employment is assignment outside Florida.

9 (c) Be accepted by and enroll in an eligible Florida
10 public or independent postsecondary education institution.

11 (d) Be enrolled for at least 6 semester credit hours
12 or the equivalent in quarter hours or clock hours.

13 (e) Not have been found guilty of, or ~~have pled~~ plead
14 nolo contendere to or guilty to, a felony charge, unless the
15 student has been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet
16 sitting as the Executive Office of Clemency.

17 (f) Apply for a scholarship from the program by ~~April~~
18 ~~1 of the last semester before~~ high school graduation. Requests
19 for exceptions to this deadline may be accepted by the high
20 school or district through December 31 following high school
21 graduation.

22 ~~(2) A student is eligible to accept an initial award~~
23 ~~for 3 years following high school graduation and to accept a~~
24 ~~renewal award for 7 years following high school graduation. A~~
25 ~~student who applies for an award by April 1 and who meets all~~
26 ~~other~~ eligibility requirements, but who does not accept his or
27 her award during the first year of eligibility after high
28 school graduation, may apply for reinstatement of the award
29 for use within 7 ~~reapply during subsequent application periods~~
30 ~~up to 3 years after high school graduation. Reinstatement~~
31 applications must be received by the deadline established by

1 the Department of Education.

2 (3) For purposes of calculating the grade point
3 average to be used in determining initial eligibility for a
4 Florida Bright Futures scholarship, the department shall
5 assign additional weights to grades earned in the following
6 courses:

7 (a) Courses identified in the course code directory as
8 Advanced Placement, pre-International Baccalaureate, or
9 International Baccalaureate.

10 (b) Courses designated as academic dual enrollment
11 courses in the statewide course numbering system.

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13 The department may assign additional weights to courses, other
14 than those described in paragraphs (a) and (b), that are
15 identified by the Articulation Coordinating Committee as
16 containing rigorous academic curriculum and performance
17 standards. The additional weight assigned to a course pursuant
18 to this subsection shall not exceed 0.5 per course. The
19 weighted system shall be developed and distributed to all high
20 schools in the state prior to January 1, 1998. The department
21 may determine a student's eligibility status during the senior
22 year before graduation and may inform the student of the award
23 at that time.

24 (4) Each school district shall provide each high
25 school student a complete and accurate Florida Bright Futures
26 Scholarship Evaluation Report and Key annually. The report
27 shall be disseminated at the beginning of each school year.
28 The report must include all high school coursework attempted,
29 the number of credits earned toward each type of award, and
30 the calculation of the grade point average for each award. The
31 report must also identify all requirements not met per award

1 as well as the award or awards for which the student has met
2 the academic requirements.

3 (5)(4) A student who wishes to qualify for a
4 particular award within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
5 Program, but who does not meet all of the requirements for
6 that level of award, may, nevertheless, receive the award if
7 the principal of the student's school or the district
8 superintendent verifies that the deficiency is caused by the
9 fact that school district personnel provided inaccurate or
10 incomplete information to the student. The school district
11 must provide a means for the student to correct the
12 deficiencies and the student must correct them, either by
13 completing comparable work at the postsecondary institution or
14 by completing a directed individualized study program
15 developed and administered by the school district. If the
16 student does not complete the requirements by December 31
17 immediately following high school graduation, the student is
18 ineligible to participate in the program.

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

29 (a) Renewal applies to students who receive an award
30 for at least one term during the immediately preceding
31 academic year. For renewal, a student must complete at least

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

1 ~~renewal is the fall semester of the following academic year.~~

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

11 (c) Restoration applies to students who lost
12 scholarship eligibility as a result of not meeting the renewal
13 grade point average or number of hours, or both, at a prior
14 evaluation period. A student may restore eligibility by
15 meeting the renewal grade point average during a subsequent
16 renewal evaluation period. A student is eligible to receive
17 such restoration only once. The student must submit an
18 application for restoration by the deadline established by the
19 Department of Education.

20 (2) A Florida Academic Scholar or a Florida Medallion
21 Scholar student who is enrolled in a program that terminates
22 in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may receive
23 an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit
24 hours required to complete the undergraduate program.

25 (3) A Florida Academic Scholar or a Florida Medallion
26 Scholar who is enrolled in a combined undergraduate/graduate
27 program that terminates in the award of a postbaccalaureate
28 degree, or the simultaneous award of baccalaureate and
29 postbaccalaureate degrees, may receive an award for a maximum
30 of 110 percent of the number of credit hours required to
31 complete a standard undergraduate program at the institution

1 attended, at the undergraduate rate.

2 (4) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar ~~student who~~
3 ~~is enrolled in a program that terminates in a technical~~
4 ~~certificate~~ may receive an award for up to 90 semester a
5 ~~maximum of 110 percent of the~~ credit hours or the equivalent
6 ~~clock hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit~~
7 ~~hours.~~ A student who transfers from the Florida Gold Seal
8 Vocational Scholars award to the Florida Medallion Scholars
9 award ~~one of these program levels to another~~ becomes eligible
10 for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

11 Section 8. Section 240.40204, Florida Statutes, is
12 amended to read:

13 240.40204 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
14 eligible postsecondary education institutions.--A student is
15 eligible for an award or the renewal, reinstatement, or
16 restoration of an award from the Florida Bright Futures
17 Scholarship Program if the student meets the requirements for
18 the program as described in this act and is enrolled in a
19 postsecondary education institution that meets the description
20 in any one of the following subsections:

21 (1) A Florida public university, community college, or
22 technical center.

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

28 (3) An independent Florida postsecondary education
29 institution that is licensed by the State Board of Independent
30 Colleges and Universities and which:

31 (a) Shows evidence of sound financial condition; and

1 (b) Has operated in the state for at least 3 years
2 without having its approval, accreditation, or license placed
3 on probation.

4 (4) A Florida independent postsecondary education
5 institution that offers a nursing diploma approved by the
6 Board of Nursing.

7 (5) A Florida independent postsecondary education
8 institution that is licensed by the State Board of Nonpublic
9 Career Education and which:

10 (a) Has a program completion and placement rate of at
11 least the rate required by the current Florida Statutes, the
12 Florida Administrative Code, or the Department of Education
13 for an institution at its level; and

14 (b) Shows evidence of sound financial condition; and
15 either:

16 1. Is accredited at the institutional level by an
17 accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department
18 of Education and has operated in the state for at least 3
19 years during which there has been no complaint for which
20 probable cause has been found; or

21 2. Has operated in Florida for 5 years during which
22 there has been no complaint for which probable cause has been
23 found.

24 Section 9. Section 240.40205, Florida Statutes, is
25 amended to read:

26 240.40205 Florida Academic Scholars award.--

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

31 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as

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1 calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, or its equivalent, in
2 high school courses that are adopted by the Board of Regents
3 and recommended by the State Board of Community Colleges as
4 college-preparatory academic courses; and

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

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

21 (d) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate
22 Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office; or

23 (e) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
24 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
25 scholar or finalist; or

26 (f) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
27 Recognition Program as a scholar recipient; or-

28 (g) Has been awarded the American International
29 Certificate of Education Diploma from the University of
30 Cambridge.

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1 Effective with the 1998-1999 school year, a student must
2 complete a program of community service work, as approved by
3 the district school board or the administrators of a nonpublic
4 school, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours of service
5 work and require the student to identify a social problem that
6 interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal
7 involvement in addressing the problem, and, through papers or
8 other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her
9 experience.

10 (2) A Florida Academic Scholar who is enrolled in a
11 public postsecondary education institution is eligible for an
12 award equal to the amount required to pay matriculation and,
13 fees, as defined by the department, and \$600 for
14 college-related expenses annually. A student who is enrolled
15 in a nonpublic postsecondary education institution is eligible
16 for an award equal to the amount that would be required to pay
17 for the average matriculation and fees of a public
18 postsecondary education institution at the comparable level,
19 plus the annual \$600.

20 (3) To be eligible for a renewal or restoration award
21 as a Florida Academic Scholar, a student must meet the
22 requirements of s. 240.40203 and the ~~maintain the equivalent~~
23 ~~of a~~ grade point average requirement of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or
24 the equivalent, for all postsecondary education work
25 attempted. A student may have, ~~with~~ an opportunity for one
26 restoration ~~reinstatement~~ as provided in this act.

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

1 Section 10. Section 240.40206, Florida Statutes, is
2 amended to read:

3 240.40206 Florida Medallion ~~Merit~~ Scholars award.--

4 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion
5 ~~Merit~~ Scholars award if the student meets the general
6 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
7 Scholarship Program and the student:

8 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0
9 as calculated pursuant to s. 240.40202, or the equivalent, in
10 high school courses that are adopted by the Board of Regents
11 and recommended by the State Board of Community Colleges as
12 college-preparatory academic courses; and

13 (b) Has attained at least the score identified by
14 rules of the Department of Education on the combined verbal
15 and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the
16 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic
17 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an
18 equivalent score on the American College Testing Program; or

19 (c) Has attended a home education program according to
20 s. 232.0201 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed the
21 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
22 International Baccalaureate Diploma, and has attained at least
23 the score identified by rules of the Department of Education
24 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the
25 Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or
26 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
27 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the American
28 College Testing Program; or-

29 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
30 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
31 scholar or finalist, but has not completed a program of

1 community service as provided in s. 240.40205; or

2 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
 3 Recognition Program as a scholar, but has not completed a
 4 program of community service as provided in s. 240.40205.

5 (2) A Florida Medallion ~~Merit~~ Scholar is eligible for
 6 an award equal to the amount required to pay 75 percent of
 7 matriculation and fees, as defined by the department, if the
 8 student is enrolled in a public postsecondary education
 9 institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic
 10 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award
 11 equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent
 12 of the average matriculation and fees of a public
 13 postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.

14 (3) To be eligible for a renewal or restoration award
 15 as a Florida Medallion ~~Merit~~ Scholar, a student must meet the
 16 requirements of s. 240.40203 and the ~~maintain the equivalent~~
 17 ~~of a~~ grade point average requirement of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale,
 18 or the equivalent, for all postsecondary education work
 19 attempted. A student may have, ~~with~~ an opportunity for
 20 ~~reinstatement~~ one restoration ~~time~~ as provided in this act.

21 Section 11. Section 240.40207, Florida Statutes, is
 22 amended to read:

23 240.40207 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars
 24 award.--The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is
 25 created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
 26 to recognize and reward academic achievement and vocational
 27 preparation by high school students who wish to continue their
 28 education.

29 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
 30 Vocational Scholars award if the student meets the general
 31 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures

1 Scholarship Program and the student:

2 (a) Successfully completes ~~the secondary school~~
3 ~~portion of a sequential program of studies that requires at~~
4 least three secondary school vocational credits in one program
5 of study, as identified by the Department of Education, taken
6 over at least 2 academic years, and is continued in a planned,
7 related postsecondary education program. If the student's
8 school does not offer such a two-plus-two or tech-prep
9 program, the student must complete a job-preparatory career
10 education program selected by the Workforce Estimating
11 Conference or Workforce Florida, Inc., for its ability to
12 provide high-wage employment in an occupation with high
13 potential for employment opportunities. By July 1, 2002, the
14 Articulation Coordinating Committee shall identify the
15 programs at each 4-year institution that qualify as planned,
16 related postsecondary education programs. On-the-job training
17 may not be substituted for any of the three required
18 vocational credits.

19 (b) Demonstrates readiness for postsecondary education
20 by earning a passing score on the Florida College Entry Level
21 Placement Test or its equivalent as identified by the
22 Department of Education.

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

27 (d) Earns a minimum unweighted grade point average of
28 3.5 on a 4.0 scale for secondary vocational courses comprising
29 the vocational program.

30 ~~(e) Completes the requirements of a vocational-ready~~
31 ~~diploma program, as defined by rules of the State Board of~~

1 ~~Education.~~

2 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible
3 for an award equal to the amount required to pay 75 percent of
4 matriculation and fees, as defined by the department, if the
5 student is enrolled in a public postsecondary education
6 institution. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic
7 postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award
8 equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75 percent
9 of the matriculation and mandatory fees of a public
10 postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.

11 (3) To be eligible for a renewal or restoration award
12 as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must meet
13 the requirements of s. 240.40203 and the ~~maintain the~~
14 ~~equivalent of a grade point average~~ requirement of 2.75 on a
15 4.0 scale, or the equivalent, for all postsecondary education
16 work attempted. A student may have, ~~with~~ an opportunity for
17 ~~reinstatement~~ one restoration time as provided in this act.

18 (4) Beginning with the fall term of 2003, a Florida
19 Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award may only be used by
20 students who enroll in programs of 2 years or less at a
21 vocational-technical institution, a community college, or a
22 junior college unless the award is a renewal of an initial
23 award issued prior to the fall term of 2003 or as otherwise
24 provided for in this section. A student may use an award for a
25 program at a 4-year institution if the program has been
26 identified by the Articulation Coordinating Committee pursuant
27 to subsection (1), the student meets the minimum State
28 University System admissions requirements, and the institution
29 certifies annually the student's continued enrollment in such
30 program.

31 (5) Upon successful completion of an associate degree

1 program or 60 hours, an award recipient who meets the renewal
2 criteria in subsection (3) and enrolls in a baccalaureate
3 degree program at an eligible postsecondary education
4 institution is eligible to transfer to the Florida Medallion
5 Scholars award component of the Florida Bright Futures
6 Scholarship Program. Other than initial eligibility criteria,
7 all other requirements of the Florida Medallion Scholars award
8 shall apply to a student who transfers to that program
9 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. The number of
10 hours for which a student may receive a Florida Medallion
11 Scholars award shall be calculated by subtracting from the
12 student's total eligibility pursuant to s. 240.40206(2) the
13 number of hours for which the student has already received
14 funding under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

15 (6) If a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar received
16 an initial award prior to the fall term of 2003, and has a
17 cumulative grade point average of 2.75 in all postsecondary
18 education work attempted, the Department of Education may
19 transfer the student to the Florida Medallion Scholars award
20 component of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at
21 any renewal period. Other than initial eligibility criteria,
22 all other requirements of the Florida Medallion Scholars award
23 shall apply to a student who transfers to that program
24 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection. The number of
25 hours for which a student may receive a Florida Medallion
26 Scholars award shall be calculated by subtracting from the
27 student's total eligibility pursuant to s. 240.40206(2) the
28 number of hours for which the student has already received
29 funding under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

30 ~~(4) A student may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational~~
31 ~~Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours~~

~~1 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the
2 equivalent. A Florida Gold Seal Scholar who has a cumulative
3 grade point average of 2.75 in all postsecondary education
4 work attempted may apply for a Florida Merit Scholars award at
5 any renewal period. All other provisions of that program
6 apply, and the credit-hour limitation must be calculated by
7 subtracting from the student's total eligibility the number of
8 credit hours the student attempted while earning the Gold Seal
9 Vocational Scholarship.~~

10 Section 12. Section 240.40211, Florida Statutes, is
11 created to read:

12 240.40211 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
13 targeted occupations.--

14 (1)(a) Using information provided by the Workforce
15 Estimating Conference, the Department of Education, in
16 consultation with the Legislature, shall identify targeted
17 occupations that are high demand, high wage, and high skill
18 for which the state's postsecondary education institutions
19 provide the necessary education and training.

20 (b) The Department of Education shall identify the
21 specific associate and baccalaureate degree programs,
22 certificate programs, and applied technology diploma programs
23 that are offered by postsecondary education institutions and
24 prepare students for employment in the targeted occupations.
25 The department shall provide such information to the
26 postsecondary education institutions that participate in the
27 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

28 (c) Identification of targeted occupations and degree,
29 certificate, and diploma programs shall be completed, and
30 updated annually thereafter, for use in providing awards
31 pursuant to this section beginning with the 2002-2003 fall

1 academic term.

2 (2) A Florida Bright Futures Scholarship award
3 recipient who is enrolled at a vocational-technical
4 institution, a community college, or a junior college in a
5 program identified pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) is eligible to
6 receive an additional \$250 per semester, or the equivalent,
7 for postsecondary education-related expenses.

8 (3) A Florida Bright Futures Scholarship award
9 recipient who is enrolled at a baccalaureate-degree-granting
10 institution in the upper division of a program identified
11 pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) is eligible to receive an
12 additional \$500 per semester, or the equivalent, for
13 postsecondary education-related expenses.

14 (4) Institutions that participate in the Florida
15 Bright Futures Scholarship Program and offer a program
16 identified pursuant to paragraph (1)(b) shall advise their
17 students of the availability of the awards provided pursuant
18 to this section.

19 (5) The department shall establish procedures for
20 institutions to certify to the department the initial and
21 continued eligibility status of any student who is eligible to
22 receive an award pursuant to this section. A student's
23 continued enrollment in an eligible program shall be certified
24 by the institution each academic year.

25 (6) The department shall evaluate this component of
26 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program from its
27 inception to determine, of the total number of students who
28 receive awards pursuant to this section, the number who become
29 employed in the occupation for which the award was provided.
30 This evaluation shall be reported on an annual basis to the
31 Governor and the Legislature.

1 (7) This award component of the Florida Bright Futures
2 Scholarship Program shall be implemented to the extent funded
3 in the General Appropriations Act. When funds are not
4 sufficient to make full awards, the department shall reduce
5 the amount of each recipient's award pro rata.

6 Section 13. Section 240.40242, Florida Statutes, is
7 repealed.

8 Section 14. Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Testing
9 Program.--

10 (1) By January 1, 2002, the Articulation Coordinating
11 Committee shall identify the minimum scores, maximum credit,
12 and course or courses for which credit is to be awarded for
13 each College Level Examination Program (CLEP) general
14 examination, CLEP subject examination, College Board Advanced
15 Placement Program examination, and International Baccalaureate
16 examination. In addition, the Articulation Coordinating
17 Committee shall identify such courses in the general education
18 core curriculum of each state university and community
19 college.

20 (2) Each community college and state university must
21 award credit for specific courses for which competency has
22 been demonstrated by successful passage of one of these
23 examinations unless the award of credit duplicates credit
24 already awarded. Community colleges and universities may not
25 exempt students from courses without the award of credit if
26 competencies have been so demonstrated.

27 (3) Beginning with initial award recipients for the
28 2002-2003 academic year and continuing thereafter, students
29 eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award or a Florida
30 Medallion Scholars award who are admitted to and enroll in a
31 community college or state university shall, prior to

1 registering for courses that may be earned through a CLEP
2 examination and no later than registration for their second
3 term, complete at least five examinations from those specified
4 in subsection (1) in the following areas: English; humanities;
5 mathematics; natural sciences; and social sciences.
6 Successful completion of dual enrollment courses, Advanced
7 Placement examinations, and International Baccalaureate
8 examinations taken prior to high school graduation satisfy
9 this requirement. The Articulation Coordinating Committee
10 shall identify the examinations that satisfy each component of
11 this requirement.

12 (4) Initial award recipients for the 2001-2002
13 academic year who are eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars
14 award or a Florida Medallion Scholars award and who are
15 admitted to and enroll in a community college or state
16 university may choose, prior to registering for courses that
17 may be earned through CLEP examination, to complete up to five
18 CLEP examinations, one in each of the following areas:
19 English; humanities; mathematics; natural sciences; and social
20 sciences.

21 (5) Each community college and state university shall
22 pay for the CLEP examinations required pursuant to this
23 section from the funds appropriated from the Educational
24 Enhancement Trust Fund. Institutions shall pay no more than
25 \$46 per examination for the program, which shall include
26 access to a student guide to prepare for the test. The
27 Department of Education shall negotiate with the College Board
28 for a reduced rate for the examinations. The institution shall
29 not charge the student for preparation and administration of
30 the test, access to a student guide to prepare for the test,
31 or recordkeeping and reporting of each student's test results

1 to the department.

2 (6) The credit awarded pursuant to this section shall
3 apply toward the 120 hours of college credit required pursuant
4 to s. 240.115(6).

5 (7) The maximum number of credit hours for which a
6 student is eligible to receive a Florida Bright Futures
7 Scholarship Program award shall be reduced by the number of
8 hours for which credit is awarded pursuant to this section.

9 (8) Beginning with the 2002-2003 award recipients, the
10 Department of Education shall track and annually report on the
11 effectiveness of the program, and include information on the
12 number of students participating in the program; the CLEP
13 examinations taken and the passage rate of Florida Academic
14 Scholars and Florida Medallion Scholars award recipients; the
15 use of Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate
16 examinations and dual enrollment courses to satisfy the
17 requirements of the program; and the course credit provided.

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21 And the title is amended as follows:

22 On page 1, line 24 through page 3, line 14,
23 remove from the title of the bill: all of said lines

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25 and insert in lieu thereof:

- 26 annual report; amending s. 240.40201, F.S.;
- 27 revising general student eligibility
- 28 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
- 29 Scholarship Program; amending s. 240.40202,
- 30 F.S., relating to the Florida Bright Futures
- 31 Scholarship Program; revising student

1 eligibility provisions for initial award of a
2 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship; revising
3 language with respect to reinstatement
4 applications; requiring school districts to
5 provide each high school student a Florida
6 Bright Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report
7 and Key; amending s. 240.40203, F.S.; providing
8 requirements for renewal, reinstatement, and
9 restoration awards under the Florida Bright
10 Futures Scholarship Program; revising
11 provisions relating to award limits; amending
12 s. 240.40204, F.S.; updating obsolete language
13 with respect to eligible postsecondary
14 education institutions under the Florida Bright
15 Futures Scholarship Program; amending s.
16 240.40205, F.S.; revising eligibility
17 requirements with respect to the Florida
18 Academic Scholars award; amending s. 240.40206,
19 F.S.; changing the name of the Florida Merit
20 Scholars award to the Florida Medallion
21 Scholars award; revising eligibility
22 requirements with respect to the award;
23 amending s. 240.40207, F.S.; revising
24 eligibility requirements with respect to the
25 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award;
26 providing restrictions on use of the award;
27 providing for transfer of awards; creating s.
28 240.40211, F.S.; providing for Florida Bright
29 Futures Scholarship Program targeted
30 occupations; providing student awards;
31 repealing s. 240.40242, F.S., relating to the

1 use of certain scholarship funds by children of
 2 deceased or disabled veterans; providing for
 3 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Testing
 4 Program; requiring the Articulation
 5 Coordinating Committee to identify scores,
 6 credit, and courses for which credit may be
 7 awarded for specified examinations; requiring
 8 the completion of examinations for receipt of
 9 certain awards; providing requirements with
 10 respect to the award of credit; requiring
 11 annual reporting of the effectiveness of the
 12 program; amending s.

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