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An act relating to student financial assistance; amending s. 240.409, F.S., relating to the Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program; authorizing grants to part-time degree-seeking students; revising provisions relating to the maximum amount of the grants; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 240.409, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(2)(a) State student assistance grants through the program may be made only to ~~full-time~~ degree-seeking students who enroll in at least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent per term, and who meet the general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, 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 fees and other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state universities or such other amount as specified in the General Appropriations Act, to any recipient. A demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible for a state student assistance grant. Recipients of such grants must have been accepted at a state university or community college authorized by Florida law. A ~~No~~ student is

1 eligible for the award for 110 percent of the number of credit  
2 hours required to complete the program in which enrolled ~~may~~  
3 ~~receive an award for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters~~  
4 ~~or 14 quarters of full-time enrollment~~, except as otherwise  
5 provided in s. 240.404(3).

6           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
7 law.

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