

By Representative Atwater

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to student financial
3 assistance; amending ss. 240.409, 240.4095, and
4 240.4097, F.S., relating to the Florida Public
5 Student Assistance Grant Program, the Florida
6 Private Student Assistance Grant Program, and
7 the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance
8 Grant Program, respectively; authorizing grants
9 to part-time degree-seeking students; revising
10 provisions relating to the maximum amount of
11 the grants; providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
16 240.409, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

17 240.409 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant
18 Program; eligibility for grants.--

19 (2)(a) State student assistance grants through the
20 program may be made only to ~~full-time~~ degree-seeking students
21 who enroll in at least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent per
22 term, and who meet the general requirements for student
23 eligibility as provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise
24 provided in this section. Such grants shall be awarded
25 annually for the amount of demonstrated unmet need for the
26 cost of education and may not exceed an amount equal to the
27 average prior academic year cost of matriculation fees and
28 other registration fees for 30 credit hours at state
29 universities or such other amount as specified in the General
30 Appropriations Act, to any recipient. A demonstrated unmet
31 need of less than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible

1 for a state student assistance grant. Recipients of such
2 grants must have been accepted at a state university or
3 community college authorized by Florida law. A No student is
4 eligible for the award for 110 percent of the number of credit
5 hours required to complete the program in which enrolled may
6 receive an award for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters
7 or 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except as otherwise
8 provided in s. 240.404(3).

9 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
10 240.4095, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 240.4095 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant
12 Program; eligibility for grants.--

13 (2)(a) Florida private student assistance grants from
14 the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund may be made
15 only to ~~full-time~~ degree-seeking students who enroll in at
16 least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent per term, and who
17 meet the general requirements for student eligibility as
18 provided in s. 240.404, except as otherwise provided in this
19 section. Such grants shall be awarded for the amount of
20 demonstrated unmet need for tuition and fees and may not
21 exceed an amount equal to the average matriculation and other
22 registration fees for 30 credit hours at state universities
23 plus \$1,000 per academic year, or as specified in the General
24 Appropriations Act, to any applicant. A demonstrated unmet
25 need of less than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible
26 for a Florida private student assistance grant. Recipients of
27 such grants must have been accepted at a
28 baccalaureate-degree-granting independent nonprofit college or
29 university, which is accredited by the Commission on Colleges
30 of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and which
31 is located in and chartered as a domestic corporation by the

1 state. A ~~No~~ student is eligible for the award for 110 percent
2 of the number of credit hours required to complete the program
3 in which enrolled may receive an award for more than the
4 equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time
5 enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3).

6 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
7 240.4097, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

8 240.4097 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance
9 Grant Program; eligibility for grants.--

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

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

29 2. An institution either licensed by the State Board
30 of Independent Colleges and Universities or exempt from
31 licensure pursuant to s. 246.085(1)(a), excluding those

1 institutions the students of which are eligible to receive a
2 Florida private student assistance grant pursuant to s.
3 240.4095.

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5 A No student is eligible for the award for 110 percent of the
6 number of credit hours required to complete the program in
7 which enrolled ~~may receive an award for more than the~~
8 ~~equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time~~
9 ~~enrollment~~, except as otherwise provided in s. 240.404(3).

10 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11 law.

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14 HOUSE SUMMARY

15 Provides that grants through the Florida Public Student
16 Assistance Grant Program, the Florida Private Student
17 Assistance Grant Program, and the Florida Postsecondary
18 Student Assistance Grant Program may be made to part-time
19 degree-seeking students. Revises provisions relating to
20 the maximum amount of the grants.

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