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Representative Mealor offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove line(s) 324-797, and insert:

(b) Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its equivalent as described in s. 1003.43 or s. 1003.435 ~~1003.45~~ unless:

1. The student is enrolled full time in the early admission program of an eligible postsecondary education institution or completes a home education program according to s. 1002.41; or

2. The student earns a high school diploma from a non-Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who is on military or public service assignment away from Florida.

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

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27 ~~(d) Be enrolled for at least 6 semester credit hours or~~
28 ~~the equivalent in quarter hours or clock hours.~~

29 ~~(d)(e)~~ Not have been found guilty of, or plead nolo
30 contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been
31 granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the
32 Executive Office of Clemency.

33 ~~(e)(f)~~ Apply for a scholarship from the program by high
34 school graduation.

35 (f) Beginning with initial scholarships to be issued for
36 the 2004-2005 academic year, submit to the United States
37 Department of Education a completed Free Application for Federal
38 Student Aid.

39 (2) A student is eligible to accept an initial scholarship
40 award for 3 years following high school graduation and to accept
41 a renewal of the scholarship award for 7 years following high
42 school graduation. A student who applies for a Florida Bright
43 Futures Scholarship ~~an award~~ by high school graduation and who
44 meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not
45 accept his or her scholarship award, may reinstate ~~reapply~~
46 during subsequent application periods up to 3 years after high
47 school graduation. For a student who enlists in the United
48 States Armed Forces directly out of high school, the 3-year
49 eligibility period for initial use of the scholarship and the 7-
50 year renewal period shall begin upon the date of the student's
51 separation from active duty. For a student who is receiving a
52 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and who discontinues his or
53 her education to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the
54 remainder of the student's 7-year renewal period shall commence
55 upon the date of the student's separation from active duty. To

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56 be eligible for the extension of periods for initial use and
57 renewal of a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship pursuant to this
58 subsection, a student must have been discharged or released from
59 active duty under conditions other than dishonorable.

60 (3) For purposes of calculating the grade point average to
61 be used in determining initial eligibility for a Florida Bright
62 Futures Scholarship, the department shall assign additional
63 weights to grades earned in the following courses:

64 (a) Courses identified in the course code directory as
65 Advanced Placement, pre-International Baccalaureate, ~~or~~
66 International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate
67 of Secondary Education, or Advanced International Certificate of
68 Education.

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

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72 The department may assign additional weights to courses, other
73 than those described in paragraphs (a) and (b), that are
74 identified by the Department of Education as containing rigorous
75 academic curriculum and performance standards. The additional
76 weight assigned to a course pursuant to this subsection shall
77 not exceed 0.5 per course. The weighted system shall be
78 developed and distributed to all high schools in the state prior
79 to January 1, 1998. The department may determine a student's
80 eligibility status during the senior year before graduation and
81 may inform the student of the scholarship award ~~award~~ at that time.

82 (4) Each school district shall annually provide to each
83 high school student a complete and accurate Florida Bright
84 Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report and Key. The report shall

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85 be disseminated at the beginning of each school year. The report
86 must include all high school coursework attempted, the number of
87 credits earned toward each type of scholarship award, and the
88 calculation of the grade point average for each scholarship
89 award. The report must also identify all requirements not met
90 per scholarship award, including the grade point average
91 requirement, as well as identify the scholarships awards for
92 which the student has met the academic requirements. The student
93 report cards must contain a disclosure that the grade point
94 average calculated for purposes of the Florida Bright Futures
95 Scholarship Program may differ from the grade point average on
96 the report card.

97 (5) A student who wishes to qualify for a particular
98 scholarship award within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
99 Program, but who does not meet all of the requirements for that
100 level of scholarship award, may, nevertheless, receive the
101 scholarship award if the principal of the student's school or
102 the district superintendent verifies that the deficiency is
103 caused by the fact that school district personnel provided
104 inaccurate or incomplete information to the student. The school
105 district must provide a means for the student to correct the
106 deficiencies and the student must correct them, either by
107 completing comparable work at the postsecondary institution or
108 by completing a directed individualized study program developed
109 and administered by the school district. If the student does not
110 complete the requirements by December 31 immediately following
111 high school graduation, the student is ineligible to participate
112 in the program.

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113 Section 7. Section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended
114 to read:

115 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
116 student eligibility requirements for renewal of a scholarship
117 ~~awards~~.--

118 (1) To be eligible to renew a scholarship from any of the
119 three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures
120 Scholarship Program, a student must:

121 (a) Complete at least 12 semester credit hours or the
122 equivalent for each term in the last academic year in which the
123 student earned a scholarship or a prorated number of hours if
124 the student received a scholarship for less than full-time
125 enrollment.

126 (b) Maintain the cumulative grade point average required
127 by the scholarship program, except that:

128 1. If a recipient's grades fall beneath the average
129 required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are
130 sufficient to renew a Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~or a Florida~~
131 ~~Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship~~, the Department of Education
132 may grant a renewal as a Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~from one~~
133 ~~of those other scholarship programs~~, if the student meets the
134 renewal eligibility requirements; or

135 2. If, at any time during the eligibility period, a
136 student's grades are insufficient to renew the scholarship, the
137 student may restore eligibility by improving the grade point
138 average to the required level. A student is eligible for such a
139 restoration ~~reinstatement~~ only once. The Legislature encourages
140 education institutions to assist students to calculate whether
141 or not it is possible to raise the grade point average during

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142 the summer term. If the institution determines that it is
143 possible, the education institution may so inform the
144 department, which may reserve the student's scholarship ~~award~~ if
145 funds are available. The renewal of the scholarship, however,
146 must not be granted until the student achieves the required
147 cumulative grade point average. If the summer term is not
148 sufficient to raise the grade point average to the required
149 renewal level, the student's next opportunity for restoration of
150 the scholarship ~~renewal~~ is the fall semester of the following
151 academic year.

152 (2)(a) A student who received his or her initial Florida
153 Bright Futures Scholarship prior to the 2003-2004 academic year
154 and is enrolled in a program that terminates in an associate
155 degree or a baccalaureate degree may receive a scholarship ~~an~~
156 ~~award~~ for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit hours
157 required to complete the program. A student who received his or
158 her initial Florida Bright Futures Scholarship prior to the
159 2003-2004 academic year and is enrolled in a program that
160 terminates in a technical certificate may receive a scholarship
161 ~~an award~~ for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit hours or
162 clock hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit
163 hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels
164 to another becomes eligible for the higher of the two credit
165 hour limits.

166 (b) Beginning with students who receive an initial Florida
167 Bright Futures Scholarship in the 2003-2004 academic year and
168 thereafter, a student who is enrolled in a program that
169 terminates in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may
170 receive a scholarship for the number of credit hours required to

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171 complete the program and a student who is enrolled in a program
172 that terminates in a technical certificate may receive a
173 scholarship for the number of credit hours or clock hours
174 required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours. A
175 student who transfers from one of these program levels to
176 another becomes eligible for the higher of the two credit hour
177 limits.

178 Section 8. Section 1009.534, Florida Statutes, is amended
179 to read:

180 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholarship ~~Scholars award~~.--

181 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic
182 Scholarship ~~Scholars award~~ if the student meets the general
183 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
184 Scholarship Program and the student:

185 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as
186 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high
187 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
188 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has
189 attained at least a score of 1270 ~~the score identified by rules~~
190 ~~of the State Board of Education~~ on the combined verbal and
191 quantitative parts of the ~~Scholastic Aptitude Test, the~~
192 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic~~
193 ~~Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an~~
194 ~~equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program~~ or an equivalent
195 examination as determined by the State Board of Education; or

196 (b) Has attended a home education program pursuant
197 ~~according~~ to s. 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed
198 the International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn
199 the International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the

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200 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but
201 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of
202 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score
203 identified by rules of the State Board ~~Department~~ of Education
204 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the ~~Scholastic~~
205 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~
206 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
207 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program or an
208 equivalent examination; or

209 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate
210 Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office; or

211 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
212 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
213 scholar or finalist; or

214 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
215 Recognition Program as a scholar recipient; or

216 (f) Has been awarded an Advanced International Certificate
217 of Education Diploma from the University of Cambridge
218 International Examinations Office.

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220 A student must complete a program of community service work, as
221 approved by the district school board or the administrators of a
222 nonpublic school, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours of
223 service work and require the student to identify a social
224 problem that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her
225 personal involvement in addressing the problem, and, through
226 papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or
227 her experience.

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228 (2) A Florida Academic Scholar who is enrolled in a public
229 postsecondary education institution is eligible for a
230 scholarship that covers 100 percent of tuition and fees plus an
231 award equal to the amount required to pay tuition, fees, and
232 \$600 for college-related expenses annually. For purposes of this
233 scholarship, the term "fees" includes the following fees:
234 financial aid fee; capital improvement fee; building fee;
235 Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; activity and service fee;
236 health fee; athletic fee; and lab fees not to exceed \$300 per
237 term. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary
238 education institution is eligible for a scholarship an award
239 equal to the amount that the state provides as a Florida
240 Academic Scholars Bright Futures subsidy to would be required to
241 pay for the average tuition and fees of a public postsecondary
242 education institution at the comparable level, plus the annual
243 \$600. A student who is enrolled in a public postsecondary
244 education institution and chooses to receive the Florida Bright
245 Futures Scholarship as a cash payment for expenses associated
246 with postsecondary education is eligible for the amount of the
247 Florida Bright Futures subsidy the state provides the public
248 postsecondary education institution that the student attends.

249 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and
250 effective with scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and
251 thereafter, the Legislature shall establish in the General
252 Appropriations Act the amount a student shall receive for a
253 Florida Academic Scholarship.

254 (4)~~(3)~~ To be eligible to renew ~~for a renewal award as a~~
255 Florida Academic Scholarship Scholar, a student must maintain
256 the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a

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257 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education coursework attempted
258 with an opportunity for one restoration reinstatement as
259 provided in this chapter.

260 (5)(4) In each school district, the Florida Academic
261 Scholar with the highest academic ranking as determined by the
262 department shall receive an additional ~~award~~ of \$1,500 for
263 college-related expenses, ~~— This award must be funded from the~~
264 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

265 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2)
266 regarding award amount and for the 2003-2004 fiscal year only,
267 recipients of Florida Bright Futures Scholarships shall pay the
268 difference between the subsidy specified in Specific
269 Appropriation 2 of the 2003 General Appropriations Act, or
270 similar legislation, and the tuition established under the
271 authority of the state university and community college boards
272 of trustees. Florida Bright Futures Scholarship recipients
273 choosing to attend eligible private institutions shall receive
274 an amount equivalent to the subsidy paid to public institutions.
275 This subsection expires June 30, 2004.

276 Section 9. Section 1009.535, Florida Statutes, is amended
277 to read:

278 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~Scholars~~ ~~award~~.--

279 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a
280 student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~Scholars~~
281 ~~award~~ if the student meets the general eligibility requirements
282 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and the
283 student:

284 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as
285 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high

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286 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
287 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has
288 attained at least the score identified by rules of the State
289 Board of Education on the combined verbal and quantitative parts
290 of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test,
291 or the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
292 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT
293 Assessment Program; or

294 (b) Has attended a home education program pursuant
295 ~~according~~ to s. 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed
296 the International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn
297 the International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the
298 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but
299 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of
300 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score
301 identified by rules of the State Board ~~Department~~ of Education
302 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
303 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
304 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
305 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program; or

306 (c) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
307 program of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
308 scholar or finalist but has not completed a program of community
309 service as provided in s. 1009.534; or

310 (d) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
311 Recognition Program as a scholar, but has not completed a
312 program of community service as provided in s. 1009.534.

313 (2) A Florida Medallion Scholar is eligible for a
314 scholarship that covers ~~an award equal to the amount required to~~

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315 ~~pay~~ 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the student is enrolled
316 in a public postsecondary education institution. For purposes of
317 this scholarship, the term "fees" includes the following fees:
318 financial aid fee; capital improvement fee; building fee;
319 Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; activity and service fee;
320 health fee; athletic fee; and lab fees not to exceed \$300 per
321 term. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary
322 education institution is eligible for a scholarship an award
323 equal to the amount that the state provides as a Florida
324 Medallion Scholars Bright Futures subsidy ~~to would be required~~
325 ~~to pay 75 percent of the tuition and fees of a public~~
326 ~~postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.~~ A
327 student who is enrolled in a public postsecondary education
328 institution and chooses to receive the Florida Bright Futures
329 Scholarship as a cash payment for expenses associated with
330 postsecondary education is eligible for the amount of the
331 Florida Bright Futures subsidy the state provides the public
332 postsecondary education institution that the student attends.

333 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and
334 effective with scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and
335 thereafter, the Legislature shall establish in the General
336 Appropriations Act the amount a student shall receive for a
337 Florida Medallion Scholarship.

338 (4)(3) To be eligible to renew for a renewal award as a
339 Florida Medallion Scholarship Scholar, a student must maintain
340 the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a
341 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education coursework attempted
342 with an opportunity for restoration reinstatement one time as
343 provided in this chapter.

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344 (5) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to test scores
345 in paragraphs (1)(a) and (b), beginning with initial Florida
346 Medallion Scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and
347 thereafter, a student who has completed a college-preparatory
348 curriculum must score a minimum of 1050 on the combined verbal
349 and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Assessment Test of the
350 College Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT
351 Assessment Program or an equivalent examination as determined by
352 the State Board of Education, to satisfy the test score
353 requirement for a scholarship pursuant to this section. A
354 student who is unable to document completion of a college-
355 preparatory curriculum must score a minimum of 1150 on the
356 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
357 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an
358 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program or an equivalent
359 examination as determined by the State Board of Education, to
360 satisfy the test score requirement for a scholarship pursuant to
361 this section.

362 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2)
363 regarding award amount and for the 2003-2004 fiscal year only,
364 recipients of Florida Bright Futures Scholarships shall pay the
365 difference between the subsidy specified in Specific
366 Appropriation 2 of the 2003 General Appropriations Act, or
367 similar legislation, and the tuition established under the
368 authority of the state university and community college boards
369 of trustees. Florida Bright Futures Scholarship recipients
370 choosing to attend eligible private institutions shall receive
371 an amount equivalent to the subsidy paid to public institutions.
372 This subsection expires June 30, 2004.

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373 Section 10. Section 1009.536, Florida Statutes, is amended
374 to read:

375 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship ~~Scholars~~
376 ~~award~~--The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship ~~Scholars~~
377 ~~award~~ is created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
378 Program to recognize and reward academic achievement and career
379 and technical preparation by high school students who wish to
380 continue their education. Beginning with the fall term of the
381 2007-2008 academic year, a Florida Gold Seal Vocational
382 Scholarship may not be used at a baccalaureate degree granting
383 institution, other than a community college as defined in s.
384 1000.21 that has been authorized to offer baccalaureate degrees
385 pursuant to s. 1004.73 or s. 1007.33, unless the scholarship is
386 a renewal of a scholarship issued prior to that term or the
387 student is enrolled in a program that has been identified by the
388 State Board of Education as a program that serves as a
389 continuation of a specific secondary or postsecondary career and
390 technical program or a job-preparatory career education program
391 as described in paragraph (1)(a). The State Board of Education
392 shall publish a list of such programs no later than December 31,
393 2004.

394 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
395 Vocational Scholarship ~~Scholars~~ ~~award~~ if the student meets the
396 general eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
397 Scholarship Program and the student:

398 (a) Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential
399 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school
400 career and technical credits taken over at least 2 academic
401 years, and is continued in a planned, related postsecondary

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402 education program. If the student's school does not offer such a
403 two-plus-two or tech-prep program, the student must complete a
404 job-preparatory career education program selected by the
405 Workforce Estimating Conference or Workforce Florida, Inc., for
406 its ability to provide high-wage employment in an occupation
407 with high potential for employment opportunities. On-the-job
408 training may not be substituted for any of the three required
409 career and technical credits.

410 (b) Demonstrates readiness for postsecondary education by
411 earning a passing score on the Florida College Entry Level
412 Placement Test or its equivalent as identified by the Department
413 of Education.

414 (c) Earns a minimum cumulative weighted grade point
415 average of 3.0, as calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, on all
416 subjects required for a standard high school diploma, excluding
417 elective courses.

418 (d) Earns a minimum unweighted grade point average of 3.5
419 on a 4.0 scale for secondary career and technical courses
420 comprising the career and technical program.

421 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible for
422 a scholarship that covers an award equal to the amount required
423 to pay 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the student is
424 enrolled in a public postsecondary education institution. For
425 purposes of this scholarship, the term "fees" includes the
426 following fees: financial aid fee; capital improvement fee;
427 building fee; Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; activity and
428 service fee; health fee; athletic fee; and lab fees not to
429 exceed \$300 per term. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic
430 postsecondary education institution is eligible for a

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431 scholarship ~~an award~~ equal to the amount that the state provides
432 as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Bright Futures
433 subsidy ~~would be required to pay 75 percent of the tuition~~
434 ~~and mandatory fees of a public postsecondary education~~
435 ~~institution at the comparable level.~~ A student who is enrolled
436 in a public postsecondary education institution and chooses to
437 receive the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship as a cash payment
438 for expenses associated with postsecondary education is eligible
439 for the amount of the Florida Bright Futures subsidy the state
440 provides the public postsecondary education institution that the
441 student attends.

442 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and
443 effective with scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and
444 thereafter, the Legislature shall establish in the General
445 Appropriations Act the amount a student shall receive for a
446 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

447 (4)(3) ~~To renew be eligible for a renewal award as a~~
448 ~~Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship Scholar,~~ a student must
449 maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of
450 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education coursework
451 attempted with an opportunity for restoration ~~reinstatement~~ one
452 time as provided in this chapter.

453 (5)(a)(4) A student who received his or her initial
454 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship prior to the 2003-2004
455 academic year may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational
456 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours
457 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the
458 equivalent. ~~A Florida Gold Seal Scholar who has a cumulative~~
459 ~~grade point average of 2.75 in all postsecondary education work~~

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460 ~~attempted may apply for a Florida Medallion Scholars award at~~
461 ~~any renewal period. All other provisions of that program apply,~~
462 ~~and the credit hour limitation must be calculated by subtracting~~
463 ~~from the student's total eligibility the number of credit hours~~
464 ~~the student attempted while earning the Gold Seal Vocational~~
465 ~~Scholarship.~~

466 (b) Beginning with students who receive an initial Florida
467 Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship in the 2003-2004 academic year
468 and thereafter, a student may receive a Florida Gold Seal
469 Vocational Scholarship for the number of credit hours or clock
470 hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours.

471 (6) Upon successful completion of an associate degree
472 program or admission to the upper division of a state
473 university, or the equivalent as determined by the State Board
474 of Education, a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar who meets
475 the scholarship renewal criteria in subsection (4) and enrolls
476 in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible postsecondary
477 education institution is eligible to transfer to the Florida
478 Medallion Scholarship component of the Florida Bright Futures
479 Scholarship Program. Other than initial eligibility criteria,
480 all other provisions of that component apply.

481 (7) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2)
482 regarding award amount and for the 2003-2004 fiscal year only,
483 recipients of Florida Bright Futures Scholarships shall pay the
484 difference between the subsidy specified in Specific
485 Appropriation 2 of the 2003 General Appropriations Act, or
486 similar legislation, and the tuition established under the
487 authority of the state university and community college boards
488 of trustees. Florida Bright Futures Scholarship recipients

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489 choosing to attend eligible private institutions shall receive
490 an amount equivalent to the subsidy paid to public institutions.
491 This subsection expires June 30, 2004.

492 Section 11. Section 1009.5365, Florida Statutes, is
493 created to read:

494 1009.5365 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship subsidy to
495 public postsecondary education institutions.--

496 (1) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the state
497 shall provide a Florida Bright Futures subsidy from the
498 Educational Enhancement Trust Fund to public postsecondary
499 education institutions for each Florida Bright Futures
500 Scholarship recipient attending the institution.

501 (2) The amount of the subsidy per term for full-time
502 enrollment shall be established in the General Appropriations
503 Act. The subsidy shall be prorated for students who attend less
504 than full time. The subsidy for a student who enrolls for 9 to
505 11 semester credit hours per term, or the equivalent in quarter
506 or contact hours, shall be three-quarters of the amount
507 specified in the General Appropriations Act. The subsidy for a
508 student who enrolls for 6 to 8 semester credit hours per term,
509 or the equivalent in quarter or contact hours, shall be one-half
510 of the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act.

511 (3) To assist public postsecondary education institutions
512 in planning and budgeting, the amount of each Florida Bright
513 Futures subsidy set in the General Appropriations Act shall be
514 no less than the amount set in the General Appropriations Act
515 the prior year.

516 (4) The Department of Education shall distribute the
517 Florida Bright Futures subsidy to each public postsecondary

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518 education institution upon certification from the institution of
519 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship recipients enrolled and
520 in attendance at the institution. The certification must include
521 sufficient information to permit the department to prorate the
522 subsidies for students who attend less than full time.

523 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules pursuant
524 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement provisions of this
525 section.

526 Section 12. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to
527 preserve full access to the Florida Prepaid College Program for
528 all of Florida's citizens while balancing the need to adequately
529 fund Florida's system of higher education. The Legislature finds
530 that the Florida Prepaid College Program is the largest such
531 program in the nation and that the fiscal integrity of the
532 program must be maintained to ensure that all of Florida's
533 citizens have access to Florida's system of higher education.
534 The Legislature further finds that an accurate estimate of the
535 Florida Prepaid College Trust Fund revenues is needed for the
536 state planning and budgeting system.

537 (2) No later than October 30, 2003, the Revenue Estimating
538 Conference shall make a report to the Governor, the President of
539 the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
540 concerning the economic and demographic assumptions upon which
541 the annual comprehensive actuarial adequacy report for the
542 Florida Prepaid College Program is based. The report shall also
543 examine the assumptions used to determine the price of program
544 contracts. The report shall include recommendations to ensure
545 the long-term viability of the program, which may include

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546 recommendations to modify the assumptions upon which the
547 program's fiscal soundness and contract prices are based.

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

551 Remove line(s) 27-54, and insert:
552 enrolled; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; correcting a cross
553 reference; revising initial eligibility criteria; providing
554 eligibility period for students who enlist in the United States
555 Armed Forces; providing for additional weighting for certain
556 courses; amending s. 1009.532, F.S.; revising eligibility
557 criteria to renew a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship; revising
558 provisions relating to number of credit hours for which a
559 scholarship may be received; amending s. 1009.534, F.S.;
560 revising initial eligibility criteria for a Florida Academic
561 Scholarship; revising provisions relating to the amount of a
562 scholarship; authorizing cash payments; revising renewal
563 criteria; providing exception to award amount for 2003-2004
564 fiscal year; amending s. 1009.535, F.S.; revising initial
565 eligibility criteria for a Florida Medallion Scholarship;
566 revising provisions relating to the amount of a scholarship;
567 authorizing cash payments; revising renewal criteria; providing
568 exception to award amount for 2003-2004 fiscal year; amending s.
569 1009.536, F.S.; revising the types of programs for which a
570 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship may be used; requiring
571 the State Board of Education to identify such programs; revising
572 provisions relating to the amount of a scholarship; authorizing
573 cash payments; revising renewal criteria; revising provisions
574 relating to number of credits for which a scholarship may be

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575 received; revising provisions relating to transfer to a Florida
576 Medallion Scholarship; providing exception to award amount for
577 2003-2004 fiscal year; creating s. 1009.5365, F.S.; providing
578 for subsidies to public postsecondary education institutions;
579 providing requirements for establishing the amount of subsidies;
580 providing legislative intent regarding the Florida Prepaid
581 College Program; providing legislative findings; requiring a
582 report by the Revenue Estimating Conference; repealing s.
583 1009.538, F.S., relating to

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