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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to higher education finance policy;  
3           amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; revising provisions relating to  
4           determination of resident status for tuition purposes;  
5           providing for reclassification; providing for  
6           classification of certain graduate teaching assistants or  
7           graduate research assistants; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.;  
8           deleting provisions relating to fines assessed by  
9           community colleges; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising  
10          provisions relating to undergraduate tuition and fees;  
11          authorizing a nonrefundable admissions deposit;  
12          authorizing an educational enhancement fee; authorizing a  
13          technology fee; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; revising  
14          provisions relating to fee exemptions; amending s.  
15          1009.53, F.S., relating to the Florida Bright Futures  
16          Scholarship Program; revising provisions relating to  
17          payment to postsecondary education institutions; providing  
18          for subsidies to institutions; specifying minimum hours  
19          for which students must be enrolled; amending s. 1009.531,  
20          F.S.; revising initial eligibility criteria; providing  
21          eligibility period for students who enlist in the United  
22          States Armed Forces; providing for additional weighting  
23          for certain courses; amending s. 1009.532, F.S.; revising  
24          eligibility criteria to renew a Florida Bright Futures  
25          Scholarship; revising provisions relating to number of  
26          credit hours for which a scholarship may be received;  
27          amending s. 1009.534, F.S.; revising initial eligibility  
28          criteria for a Florida Academic Scholarship; revising  
29          provisions relating to the amount of a scholarship;  
30          authorizing cash payments; revising renewal criteria;



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31 amending s. 1009.535, F.S.; revising initial eligibility  
32 criteria for a Florida Medallion Scholarship; revising  
33 provisions relating to the amount of a scholarship;  
34 authorizing cash payments; revising renewal criteria;  
35 amending s. 1009.536, F.S.; revising the types of programs  
36 for which a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship may  
37 be used; requiring the State Board of Education to  
38 identify such programs; revising provisions relating to  
39 the amount of a scholarship; authorizing cash payments;  
40 revising renewal criteria; revising provisions relating to  
41 number of credits for which a scholarship may be received;  
42 revising provisions relating to transfer to a Florida  
43 Medallion Scholarship; creating s. 1009.5365, F.S.;  
44 providing for subsidies to public postsecondary education  
45 institutions; providing requirements for establishing the  
46 amount of subsidies; repealing s. 1009.538, F.S., relating  
47 to calculation of awards for Florida Bright Futures  
48 Scholarship recipients attending nonpublic institutions;  
49 repealing s. 1009.539, F.S., relating to the Florida  
50 Bright Futures Scholarship Testing Program; requiring the  
51 State Board of Education to submit to the Legislature a  
52 plan regarding tuition and funding for excess hours;  
53 amending s. 1002.41, F.S.; correcting a cross reference;  
54 providing an effective date.

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

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58 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of  
59 section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph (d) is



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60 added to said subsection, and paragraph (k) is added to  
61 subsection (10) of said section, to read:

62 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition  
63 purposes.--Students shall be classified as residents or  
64 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in community  
65 colleges and state universities.

66 (2)(a) To qualify as a resident for tuition purposes:

67 1. A person or, if that person is a dependent child, his  
68 or her parent or parents must have established legal residence  
69 in this state and must have maintained legal residence in this  
70 state for at least 12 months immediately prior to his or her  
71 initial enrollment at a Florida postsecondary education  
72 institution. For purposes of this section, the term "initial  
73 enrollment" is defined as the first day of class ~~qualification.~~

74 2. Every applicant for admission to an institution of  
75 higher education shall be required to make a statement as to his  
76 or her length of residence in the state and, further, shall  
77 establish that his or her presence or, if the applicant is a  
78 dependent child, the presence of his or her parent or parents in  
79 the state currently is, and during the requisite 12-month  
80 qualifying period was, for the purpose of maintaining a bona  
81 fide domicile, rather than for the purpose of maintaining a mere  
82 temporary residence or abode incident to enrollment in an  
83 institution of higher education.

84 (b) However, with respect to a dependent child living with  
85 an adult relative other than the child's parent, such child may  
86 qualify as a resident for tuition purposes if the adult relative  
87 is a legal resident who has maintained legal residence in this  
88 state for at least 12 months immediately prior to the child's  
89 initial enrollment at a Florida postsecondary education



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90 institution ~~qualification~~, provided the child has resided  
91 continuously with such relative for the 5 years immediately  
92 prior to the child's initial enrollment ~~qualification~~, during  
93 which time the adult relative has exercised day-to-day care,  
94 supervision, and control of the child.

95 (d) A person who is classified as a nonresident for  
96 tuition purposes may become eligible for reclassification as a  
97 resident for tuition purposes if that person or, if that person  
98 is a dependent child, his or her parent presents documentation  
99 that supports permanent residency in this state, such as  
100 documentation of permanent full-time employment for the previous  
101 12 months or the purchase of a home in this state and residence  
102 therein for the prior 12 months.

103 (10) The following persons shall be classified as  
104 residents for tuition purposes:

105 (k) A graduate teaching assistant or graduate research  
106 assistant while employed by a state university, when such  
107 employment is at least one-half time in a teaching or research  
108 assistant position that relates to the graduate assistant's  
109 degree program.

110 Section 2. Subsection (12) of section 1009.23, Florida  
111 Statutes, is amended to read:

112 1009.23 Community college student fees.--

113 (12) In addition to tuition, out-of-state, financial aid,  
114 capital improvement, student activity and service, and  
115 technology fees authorized in this section, each community  
116 college board of trustees is authorized to establish fee  
117 schedules for the following user fees and fines: laboratory  
118 fees; parking fees and fines; library fees and fines; fees and  
119 fines relating to facilities and equipment use or damage; access



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120 or identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding,  
121 or microfilming fees; standardized testing fees; diploma  
122 replacement fees; transcript fees; application fees; graduation  
123 fees; and late fees related to registration and payment. Such  
124 user fees ~~and fines~~ shall not exceed the cost of the services  
125 provided and shall only be charged to persons receiving the  
126 service. A community college may not charge any fee except as  
127 authorized by law or rules of the State Board of Education.  
128 Parking fee revenues may be pledged by a community college board  
129 of trustees as a dedicated revenue source for the repayment of  
130 debt, including lease-purchase agreements and revenue bonds with  
131 terms not exceeding 20 years and not exceeding the useful life  
132 of the asset being financed. Community colleges shall use the  
133 services of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of  
134 Administration to issue any revenue bonds authorized by the  
135 provisions of this subsection. Any such bonds issued by the  
136 Division of Bond Finance shall be in compliance with the  
137 provisions of the State Bond Act. Bonds issued pursuant to the  
138 State Bond Act shall be validated in the manner established in  
139 chapter 75. The complaint for such validation shall be filed in  
140 the circuit court of the county where the seat of state  
141 government is situated, the notice required to be published by  
142 s. 75.06 shall be published only in the county where the  
143 complaint is filed, and the complaint and order of the circuit  
144 court shall be served only on the state attorney of the circuit  
145 in which the action is pending.

146 Section 3. Subsections (3) and (13) of section 1009.24,  
147 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (15) and (16) are  
148 added to said section, to read:

149 1009.24 State university student fees.--



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150 (3) Within proviso in the General Appropriations Act and  
151 law, each board of trustees shall set university tuition and  
152 fees. The sum of the activity and service, health, and athletic  
153 fees a student is required to pay to register for a course shall  
154 not exceed 40 percent of the tuition established in law or in  
155 the General Appropriations Act. No university shall be required  
156 to lower any fee in effect on the effective date of this act in  
157 order to comply with this subsection. Within the 40 percent cap,  
158 universities may not increase the aggregate sum of activity and  
159 service, health, and athletic fees more than 5 percent per year  
160 unless specifically authorized in law or in the General  
161 Appropriations Act. This subsection does not prohibit a  
162 university from increasing or assessing optional fees related to  
163 specific activities if payment of such fees is not required as a  
164 part of registration for courses. Except as otherwise provided  
165 by law, the sum of nonresident tuition and out-of-state fees  
166 charged to undergraduates shall be sufficient to defray the full  
167 cost of undergraduate education.

168 (13) Each university board of trustees is authorized to  
169 establish a nonrefundable admissions deposit for undergraduate,  
170 graduate, and professional degree programs in an amount not to  
171 exceed \$200. The admissions deposit shall be imposed at the time  
172 of an applicant's acceptance to the university and shall be  
173 applied toward tuition upon enrollment. In the event the  
174 applicant does not enroll in the university, the admissions  
175 deposit shall be deposited in an auxiliary account of the  
176 university and used to expand financial assistance,  
177 scholarships, and student academic and career counseling  
178 services at the university. A university board of trustees that  
179 establishes an admissions deposit pursuant to this subsection



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180 must also adopt policies that provide for the waiver of such  
181 deposit on the basis of financial hardship. ~~The board of~~  
182 trustees of the University of Florida is authorized to establish  
183 an admissions deposit fee for the University of Florida College  
184 of Dentistry in an amount not to exceed \$200.

185 (15) Each university board of trustees is authorized to  
186 establish an educational enhancement fee on the main campus of  
187 the university. The university board of trustees may also  
188 establish a separate educational enhancement fee on any branch  
189 campus or center. The fee may be modified annually according to  
190 the identified enhancement project and according to funding  
191 needs. The educational enhancement fee shall not exceed 5  
192 percent of tuition. The establishment of, and any subsequent  
193 modification to, the educational enhancement fee must be  
194 recommended by an educational enhancement fee committee, at  
195 least one-half of whose members are students appointed by the  
196 student body president. The remainder of the committee shall be  
197 appointed by the university president. A chair, appointed  
198 jointly by the university president and the student body  
199 president, shall vote only in the case of a tie. The  
200 recommendations of the committee shall take effect only after  
201 approval by the university president, with prior consultation  
202 with the student body president, and final approval by the  
203 university board of trustees. An increase in the educational  
204 enhancement fee may occur only once each fiscal year and must be  
205 implemented beginning with the fall term. When duly established,  
206 the fee shall be collected as a component part of registration  
207 and tuition fees and shall be retained by each university and  
208 paid into a separate educational enhancement fund. Collections



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209 from the educational enhancement fee shall be used for enhancing  
210 the instructional and university experience for students.

211 (16) Each university is authorized to establish a  
212 technology fee to be expended to enhance, expand, and improve  
213 technology access and support according to technology  
214 improvement plans approved by the university board of trustees  
215 with prior consultation with the university's student government  
216 association. The fee may be modified annually according to the  
217 technology improvement plan and according to funding needs. The  
218 technology fee shall not exceed 5 percent of tuition. The  
219 establishment of, and any subsequent modification to, the  
220 technology fee must be recommended by a technology fee  
221 committee, at least one-half of whose members are students  
222 appointed by the student body president. The remainder of the  
223 committee shall be appointed by the university president. A  
224 chair, appointed jointly by the university president and the  
225 student body president, shall vote only in the case of a tie.  
226 The recommendations of the committee shall take effect only  
227 after approval by the university president, with prior  
228 consultation with the student body president, and final approval  
229 by the university board of trustees. An increase in the  
230 technology fee may occur only once each fiscal year and must be  
231 implemented beginning with the fall term. When duly established,  
232 the fee shall be collected as a component part of registration  
233 and tuition fees and shall be retained by each university and  
234 paid into a separate technology fund. Fifty percent of  
235 technology fee revenues may be pledged by a university board of  
236 trustees as a dedicated revenue source for the repayment of  
237 debt, including lease-purchase agreements, not to exceed the  
238 useful life of the asset being financed. Revenues generated from





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239 the technology fee may not be bonded.

240 Section 4. Paragraphs (b) and (e) of subsection (2) of  
241 section 1009.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

242 1009.25 Fee exemptions.--

243 (2) The following students are exempt from the payment of  
244 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that  
245 provides postsecondary career and technical programs, community  
246 college, or state university:

247 (b) A student enrolled in an approved apprenticeship  
248 program, as defined in s. 446.021, but only with respect to such  
249 apprenticeship program.

250 (e) A student enrolled in a workforce development program  
251 who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or  
252 whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private shelter  
253 designed to provide temporary residence for individuals intended  
254 to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not  
255 designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping  
256 accommodation for human beings.

257 Section 5. Section 1009.53, Florida Statutes, is amended  
258 to read:

259 1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.--

260 (1) The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is  
261 created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to  
262 reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition  
263 of high academic achievement and who enrolls in a degree  
264 program, certificate program, or applied technology program at  
265 an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education  
266 institution within 3 years of graduation from high school.

267 (2) The Bright Futures Scholarship Program consists of  
268 three types of scholarships ~~awards~~: the Florida Academic



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269 Scholarship, the Florida Medallion Scholarship, and the Florida  
270 Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

271 (3) The Department of Education shall administer the  
272 Bright Futures Scholarship Program according to rules and  
273 procedures established by the State Board of Education. A single  
274 application must be sufficient for a student to apply for any of  
275 the three types of scholarships ~~awards~~. The department must  
276 advertise the availability of the scholarship program and must  
277 notify students, teachers, parents, guidance counselors, and  
278 principals or other relevant school administrators of the  
279 criteria and application procedures. The department must begin  
280 this process of notification no later than January 1 of each  
281 year.

282 (4) Funding for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program  
283 must be allocated from the Education Enhancement Trust Fund and  
284 must be provided before allocations from that fund are  
285 calculated for disbursement to other educational entities.

286 (a) If funds appropriated are not adequate to provide the  
287 maximum allowable subsidy for each scholarship recipient,  
288 subsidies for ~~award to each eligible applicant, awards in all~~  
289 ~~three scholarships components of the program~~ must be prorated  
290 using the same percentage reduction.

291 (b) Notwithstanding s. 216.301, if all funds allocated to  
292 the Bright Futures Scholarship Program are not used in any  
293 fiscal year, up to 10 percent of the total allocation may be  
294 carried forward and used for the program ~~awards~~ in the following  
295 year.

296 (5) The department shall issue subsidies ~~awards~~ from the  
297 scholarship program annually. ~~Annual awards may be for up to 45~~  
298 ~~semester credit hours or the equivalent. Before the registration~~



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299 ~~period each semester,~~ The department shall transmit payment for  
300 each subsidy ~~award~~ to the president or director of the  
301 postsecondary education institution, or his or her  
302 representative pursuant to the provisions of this section and s.  
303 1009.5365, except that the department may withhold payment if  
304 the receiving institution fails to report or to make refunds to  
305 the department as required in this section.

306 (a) Within 30 days after the end of regular registration  
307 each semester, the educational institution shall certify to the  
308 department the eligibility status of each student who receives a  
309 scholarship ~~an award~~. After the end of the drop and add period,  
310 an institution is not required to reevaluate or revise a  
311 student's eligibility status, but must make a refund to the  
312 department if the institution receives a subsidy for a student  
313 who receives a scholarship and ~~an award disbursement~~ terminates  
314 enrollment for any reason during an academic term and a refund  
315 is permitted by the institution's refund policy.

316 (b) An institution that receives funds from the program  
317 shall certify to the department the amount of funds disbursed to  
318 each student and shall remit to the department any undisbursed  
319 advances within 60 days after the end of regular registration.

320 (c) Each institution that receives moneys through this  
321 program shall prepare an annual report that includes an annual  
322 financial audit, conducted by an independent certified public  
323 accountant or the Auditor General. The report shall include an  
324 audit of the institution's administration of the program and a  
325 complete accounting of the moneys for the program. This report  
326 must be submitted to the department annually by April ~~March~~ 1.  
327 The department may conduct its own annual audit of an  
328 institution's administration of the program. The department may



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329 request a refund of any moneys overpaid to the institution for  
330 the program. The department may suspend or revoke an  
331 institution's eligibility to receive future moneys for the  
332 program if the department finds that an institution has not  
333 complied with this section. The institution must remit within 60  
334 days any refund requested in accordance with this subsection.

335 (6) A student must be enrolled for at least 6 semester  
336 credit hours or the equivalent in quarter hours or clock hours  
337 per term to receive a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
338 ~~enrolled in 6 to 8 semester credit hours may receive up to one-~~  
339 ~~half of the maximum award; a student enrolled in 9 to 11 credit~~  
340 ~~hours may receive up to three-fourths of the maximum award; and~~  
341 ~~a student enrolled in 12 or more credit hours may receive up to~~  
342 ~~the full award.~~

343 (7) A student may receive only one type of ~~award from the~~  
344 ~~Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program~~ at a time, but may  
345 transfer from one type of scholarship ~~award~~ to another through  
346 the renewal application process, if the student's eligibility  
347 status changes. However, a student is not eligible to transfer  
348 from a Florida Medallion Scholarship or a Florida Gold Seal  
349 Vocational Scholarship to a Florida Academic Scholarship. A  
350 student who receives a scholarship ~~an award~~ from the program may  
351 also receive a federal family education loan or a federal direct  
352 loan, and the value of the scholarship ~~award~~ must be considered  
353 in the certification or calculation of the student's loan  
354 eligibility.

355 (8) If a recipient transfers from one eligible institution  
356 to another and continues to meet eligibility requirements, the  
357 scholarship ~~award~~ must be transferred with the student.



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358 (9) A student may use a scholarship ~~an award~~ for summer  
359 term enrollment if funds are available.

360 (10) Funds from any scholarship within the Florida Bright  
361 Futures Scholarship Program may not be used to pay for remedial  
362 or college-preparatory coursework.

363 Section 6. Section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, is amended  
364 to read:

365 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
366 student initial eligibility requirements ~~for initial awards~~.--

367 (1) To be eligible for an initial scholarship ~~award~~ from  
368 any of the three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright  
369 Futures Scholarship Program, a student must:

370 (a) Be a Florida resident as defined in s. 1009.40 and  
371 rules of the State Board of Education.

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

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

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

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

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

385 (d)(e) Not have been found guilty of, or plead nolo  
386 contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been



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387 granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the  
388 Executive Office of Clemency.

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

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

395 (2) A student is eligible to accept an initial scholarship  
396 ~~award~~ for 3 years following high school graduation and to accept  
397 a renewal of the scholarship ~~award~~ for 7 years following high  
398 school graduation. A student who applies for a Florida Bright  
399 Futures Scholarship ~~an award~~ by high school graduation and who  
400 meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not  
401 accept his or her scholarship ~~award~~, may reinstate ~~reapply~~  
402 during subsequent application periods up to 3 years after high  
403 school graduation. For a student who enlists in the United  
404 States Armed Forces directly out of high school, the 3-year  
405 eligibility period for initial use of the scholarship and the 7-  
406 year renewal period shall begin upon the date of the student's  
407 separation from active duty. For a student who is receiving a  
408 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and who discontinues his or  
409 her education to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the  
410 remainder of the student's 7-year renewal period shall commence  
411 upon the date of the student's separation from active duty. To  
412 be eligible for the extension of periods for initial use and  
413 renewal of a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship pursuant to this  
414 subsection, a student must have been discharged or released from  
415 active duty under conditions other than dishonorable.



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

420 (a) Courses identified in the course code directory as  
421 Advanced Placement, pre-International Baccalaureate, ~~or~~  
422 International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate  
423 of Secondary Education, or Advanced International Certificate of  
424 Education.

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

427  
428 The department may assign additional weights to courses, other  
429 than those described in paragraphs (a) and (b), that are  
430 identified by the Department of Education as containing rigorous  
431 academic curriculum and performance standards. The additional  
432 weight assigned to a course pursuant to this subsection shall  
433 not exceed 0.5 per course. The weighted system shall be  
434 developed and distributed to all high schools in the state prior  
435 to January 1, 1998. The department may determine a student's  
436 eligibility status during the senior year before graduation and  
437 may inform the student of the scholarship award at that time.

438 (4) Each school district shall annually provide to each  
439 high school student a complete and accurate Florida Bright  
440 Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report and Key. The report shall  
441 be disseminated at the beginning of each school year. The report  
442 must include all high school coursework attempted, the number of  
443 credits earned toward each type of scholarship award, and the  
444 calculation of the grade point average for each scholarship  
445 award. The report must also identify all requirements not met



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446 per scholarship award, including the grade point average  
447 requirement, as well as identify the scholarships awards for  
448 which the student has met the academic requirements. The student  
449 report cards must contain a disclosure that the grade point  
450 average calculated for purposes of the Florida Bright Futures  
451 Scholarship Program may differ from the grade point average on  
452 the report card.

453 (5) A student who wishes to qualify for a particular  
454 scholarship award within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
455 Program, but who does not meet all of the requirements for that  
456 level of scholarship award, may, nevertheless, receive the  
457 scholarship award if the principal of the student's school or  
458 the district superintendent verifies that the deficiency is  
459 caused by the fact that school district personnel provided  
460 inaccurate or incomplete information to the student. The school  
461 district must provide a means for the student to correct the  
462 deficiencies and the student must correct them, either by  
463 completing comparable work at the postsecondary institution or  
464 by completing a directed individualized study program developed  
465 and administered by the school district. If the student does not  
466 complete the requirements by December 31 immediately following  
467 high school graduation, the student is ineligible to participate  
468 in the program.

469 Section 7. Section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended  
470 to read:

471 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
472 student eligibility requirements for renewal of a scholarship  
473 awards.--





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

477 (a) Complete at least 12 semester credit hours or the  
478 equivalent for each term in the last academic year in which the  
479 student earned a scholarship or a prorated number of hours if  
480 the student received a scholarship for less than full-time  
481 enrollment.

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

484 1. If a recipient's grades fall beneath the average  
485 required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are  
486 sufficient to renew a Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~or a Florida~~  
487 ~~Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship~~, the Department of Education  
488 may grant a renewal as a Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~from one~~  
489 ~~of those other scholarship programs~~, if the student meets the  
490 renewal eligibility requirements; or

491 2. If, at any time during the eligibility period, a  
492 student's grades are insufficient to renew the scholarship, the  
493 student may restore eligibility by improving the grade point  
494 average to the required level. A student is eligible for such a  
495 restoration ~~reinstatement~~ only once. The Legislature encourages  
496 education institutions to assist students to calculate whether  
497 or not it is possible to raise the grade point average during  
498 the summer term. If the institution determines that it is  
499 possible, the education institution may so inform the  
500 department, which may reserve the student's scholarship ~~award~~ if  
501 funds are available. The renewal of the scholarship, however,  
502 must not be granted until the student achieves the required  
503 cumulative grade point average. If the summer term is not



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504 sufficient to raise the grade point average to the required  
505 renewal level, the student's next opportunity for restoration of  
506 the scholarship renewal is the fall semester of the following  
507 academic year.

508 (2)(a) A student who received his or her initial Florida  
509 Bright Futures Scholarship prior to the 2003-2004 academic year  
510 and is enrolled in a program that terminates in an associate  
511 degree or a baccalaureate degree may receive a scholarship an  
512 award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit hours  
513 required to complete the program. A student who received his or  
514 her initial Florida Bright Futures Scholarship prior to the  
515 2003-2004 academic year and is enrolled in a program that  
516 terminates in a technical certificate may receive a scholarship  
517 an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit hours or  
518 clock hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit  
519 hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels  
520 to another becomes eligible for the higher of the two credit  
521 hour limits.

522 (b) Beginning with students who receive an initial Florida  
523 Bright Futures Scholarship in the 2003-2004 academic year and  
524 thereafter, a student who is enrolled in a program that  
525 terminates in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may  
526 receive a scholarship for the number of credit hours required to  
527 complete the program and a student who is enrolled in a program  
528 that terminates in a technical certificate may receive a  
529 scholarship for the number of credit hours or clock hours  
530 required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours. A  
531 student who transfers from one of these program levels to  
532 another becomes eligible for the higher of the two credit hour  
533 limits.



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534 Section 8. Section 1009.534, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 535 to read:

536 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholarship ~~Scholars award~~.--

537 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic  
 538 Scholarship ~~Scholars award~~ if the student meets the general  
 539 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures  
 540 Scholarship Program and the student:

541 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as  
 542 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high  
 543 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
 544 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has  
 545 attained at least a score of 1270 ~~the score identified by rules~~  
 546 ~~of the State Board of Education~~ on the combined verbal and  
 547 quantitative parts of the ~~Scholastic Aptitude Test, the~~  
 548 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~ Scholastic  
 549 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an  
 550 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program or an equivalent  
 551 examination as determined by the State Board of Education; or

552 (b) Has attended a home education program pursuant  
 553 ~~according~~ to s. 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed  
 554 the International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn  
 555 the International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the  
 556 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but  
 557 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of  
 558 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score  
 559 identified by rules of the State Board ~~Department~~ of Education  
 560 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the ~~Scholastic~~  
 561 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
 562 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,



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563 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program or an  
 564 equivalent examination; or

565 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate  
 566 Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office; or

567 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement  
 568 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a  
 569 scholar or finalist; or

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

572 (f) Has been awarded an Advanced International Certificate  
 573 of Education Diploma from the University of Cambridge  
 574 International Examinations Office.

575  
 576 A student must complete a program of community service work, as  
 577 approved by the district school board or the administrators of a  
 578 nonpublic school, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours of  
 579 service work and require the student to identify a social  
 580 problem that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her  
 581 personal involvement in addressing the problem, and, through  
 582 papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or  
 583 her experience.

584 (2) A Florida Academic Scholar who is enrolled in a public  
 585 postsecondary education institution is eligible for a  
 586 scholarship that covers 100 percent of tuition and fees plus ~~an~~  
 587 award equal to the amount required to pay tuition, fees, and  
 588 \$600 for college-related expenses annually. For purposes of this  
 589 scholarship, the term "fees" includes the following fees:  
 590 financial aid fee; capital improvement fee; building fee;  
 591 Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; activity and service fee;  
 592 health fee; athletic fee; and lab fees not to exceed \$300 per



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593 term. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary  
 594 education institution is eligible for a scholarship ~~an award~~  
 595 equal to the amount that the state provides as a Florida  
 596 Academic Scholars Bright Futures subsidy to ~~would be required to~~  
 597 ~~pay for the average tuition and fees of~~ a public postsecondary  
 598 education institution at the comparable level, plus the annual  
 599 \$600. A student who is enrolled in a public postsecondary  
 600 education institution and chooses to receive the Florida Bright  
 601 Futures Scholarship as a cash payment for expenses associated  
 602 with postsecondary education is eligible for the amount of the  
 603 Florida Bright Futures subsidy the state provides the public  
 604 postsecondary education institution that the student attends.

605 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and  
 606 effective with scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and  
 607 thereafter, the Legislature shall establish in the General  
 608 Appropriations Act the amount a student shall receive for a  
 609 Florida Academic Scholarship.

610 (4)(3) To be eligible to renew ~~for a renewal award as a~~  
 611 Florida Academic Scholarship Scholar, a student must maintain  
 612 the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a  
 613 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education coursework attempted  
 614 with an opportunity for one restoration ~~reinstatement~~ as  
 615 provided in this chapter.

616 (5)(4) In each school district, the Florida Academic  
 617 Scholar with the highest academic ranking as determined by the  
 618 department shall receive an additional ~~award of~~ \$1,500 for  
 619 college-related expenses, ~~.- This award must be funded from the~~  
 620 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

621 Section 9. Section 1009.535, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 622 to read:



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623 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~Scholars award~~.--

624 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
 625 student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~Scholars~~  
 626 ~~award~~ if the student meets the general eligibility requirements  
 627 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and the  
 628 student:

629 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as  
 630 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high  
 631 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
 632 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has  
 633 attained at least the score identified by rules of the State  
 634 Board of Education on the combined verbal and quantitative parts  
 635 of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test,  
 636 or the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College  
 637 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT  
 638 Assessment Program; or

639 (b) Has attended a home education program pursuant  
 640 ~~according~~ to s. 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed  
 641 the International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn  
 642 the International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the  
 643 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but  
 644 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of  
 645 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score  
 646 identified by rules of the State Board ~~Department~~ of Education  
 647 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic  
 648 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered  
 649 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,  
 650 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program; or

651 (c) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement  
 652 program of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a



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653 scholar or finalist but has not completed a program of community  
654 service as provided in s. 1009.534; or

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

658 (2) A Florida Medallion Scholar is eligible for a  
659 scholarship that covers an award equal to the amount required to  
660 pay 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the student is enrolled  
661 in a public postsecondary education institution. For purposes of  
662 this scholarship, the term "fees" includes the following fees:  
663 financial aid fee; capital improvement fee; building fee;  
664 Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; activity and service fee;  
665 health fee; athletic fee; and lab fees not to exceed \$300 per  
666 term. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary  
667 education institution is eligible for a scholarship an award  
668 equal to the amount that the state provides as a Florida  
669 Medallion Scholars Bright Futures subsidy to would be required  
670 to pay 75 percent of the tuition and fees of a public  
671 postsecondary education institution at the comparable level. A  
672 student who is enrolled in a public postsecondary education  
673 institution and chooses to receive the Florida Bright Futures  
674 Scholarship as a cash payment for expenses associated with  
675 postsecondary education is eligible for the amount of the  
676 Florida Bright Futures subsidy the state provides the public  
677 postsecondary education institution that the student attends.

678 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and  
679 effective with scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and  
680 thereafter, the Legislature shall establish in the General  
681 Appropriations Act the amount a student shall receive for a  
682 Florida Medallion Scholarship.



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683        ~~(4)(3)~~ To be eligible to renew ~~for a renewal award as a~~  
 684 Florida Medallion Scholarship Scholar, a student must maintain  
 685 the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a  
 686 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education coursework attempted  
 687 with an opportunity for restoration ~~reinstatement~~ one time as  
 688 provided in this chapter.

689        (5) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to test scores  
 690 in paragraphs (1)(a) and (b), beginning with initial Florida  
 691 Medallion Scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year and  
 692 thereafter, a student who has completed a college-preparatory  
 693 curriculum must score a minimum of 1050 on the combined verbal  
 694 and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Assessment Test of the  
 695 College Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT  
 696 Assessment Program or an equivalent examination as determined by  
 697 the State Board of Education, to satisfy the test score  
 698 requirement for a scholarship pursuant to this section. A  
 699 student who is unable to document completion of a college-  
 700 preparatory curriculum must score a minimum of 1150 on the  
 701 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic  
 702 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an  
 703 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program or an equivalent  
 704 examination as determined by the State Board of Education, to  
 705 satisfy the test score requirement for a scholarship pursuant to  
 706 this section.

707        Section 10. Section 1009.536, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 708 to read:

709        1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship Scholars  
 710 ~~award.~~--The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship Scholars  
 711 ~~award~~ is created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
 712 Program to recognize and reward academic achievement and career





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713 and technical preparation by high school students who wish to  
714 continue their education. Beginning with the fall term of the  
715 2005-2006 academic year, a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
716 Scholarship may not be used at a baccalaureate degree granting  
717 institution unless the scholarship is a renewal of a scholarship  
718 issued prior to that term or the student is enrolled in a  
719 program that has been identified by the State Board of Education  
720 as a program that serves as a continuation of a specific  
721 secondary or postsecondary career and technical program or a  
722 job-preparatory career education program as described in  
723 paragraph (1)(a). The State Board of Education shall publish a  
724 list of such programs no later than December 31, 2004.

725 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal  
726 Vocational Scholarship ~~Scholar award~~ if the student meets the  
727 general eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures  
728 Scholarship Program and the student:

729 (a) Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential  
730 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school  
731 career and technical credits taken over at least 2 academic  
732 years, and is continued in a planned, related postsecondary  
733 education program. If the student's school does not offer such a  
734 two-plus-two or tech-prep program, the student must complete a  
735 job-preparatory career education program selected by the  
736 Workforce Estimating Conference or Workforce Florida, Inc., for  
737 its ability to provide high-wage employment in an occupation  
738 with high potential for employment opportunities. On-the-job  
739 training may not be substituted for any of the three required  
740 career and technical credits.

741 (b) Demonstrates readiness for postsecondary education by  
742 earning a passing score on the Florida College Entry Level



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743 Placement Test or its equivalent as identified by the Department  
744 of Education.

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

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

752 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible for  
753 a scholarship that covers an award equal to the amount required  
754 to pay 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the student is  
755 enrolled in a public postsecondary education institution. For  
756 purposes of this scholarship, the term "fees" includes the  
757 following fees: financial aid fee; capital improvement fee;  
758 building fee; Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; activity and  
759 service fee; health fee; athletic fee; and lab fees not to  
760 exceed \$300 per term. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic  
761 postsecondary education institution is eligible for a  
762 scholarship an award equal to the amount that the state provides  
763 as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Bright Futures  
764 subsidy to would be required to pay 75 percent of the tuition  
765 and mandatory fees of a public postsecondary education  
766 institution at the comparable level. A student who is enrolled  
767 in a public postsecondary education institution and chooses to  
768 receive the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship as a cash payment  
769 for expenses associated with postsecondary education is eligible  
770 for the amount of the Florida Bright Futures subsidy the state  
771 provides the public postsecondary education institution that the  
772 student attends.



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773 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and  
774 effective with scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and  
775 thereafter, the Legislature shall establish in the General  
776 Appropriations Act the amount a student shall receive for a  
777 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

778 ~~(4)(3)~~ To renew ~~be eligible for a renewal award as a~~  
779 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship Scholar, a student must  
780 maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of  
781 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education coursework  
782 attempted with an opportunity for restoration ~~reinstatement~~ one  
783 time as provided in this chapter.

784 ~~(5)(a)(4)~~ A student who received his or her initial  
785 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship prior to the 2003-2004  
786 academic year may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
787 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours  
788 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the  
789 equivalent. ~~A Florida Gold Seal Scholar who has a cumulative~~  
790 ~~grade point average of 2.75 in all postsecondary education work~~  
791 ~~attempted may apply for a Florida Medallion Scholars award at~~  
792 ~~any renewal period. All other provisions of that program apply,~~  
793 ~~and the credit hour limitation must be calculated by subtracting~~  
794 ~~from the student's total eligibility the number of credit hours~~  
795 ~~the student attempted while earning the Gold Seal Vocational~~  
796 ~~Scholarship.~~

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



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802       (6) Upon successful completion of an associate degree  
803 program or admission to the upper division of a state  
804 university, or the equivalent as determined by the State Board  
805 of Education, a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar who meets  
806 the scholarship renewal criteria in subsection (4) and enrolls  
807 in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible postsecondary  
808 education institution is eligible to transfer to the Florida  
809 Medallion Scholarship component of the Florida Bright Futures  
810 Scholarship Program. Other than initial eligibility criteria,  
811 all other provisions of that component apply.

812       Section 11. Section 1009.5365, Florida Statutes, is  
813 created to read:

814       1009.5365 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship subsidy to  
815 public postsecondary education institutions.--

816       (1) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the state  
817 shall provide a Florida Bright Futures subsidy from the  
818 Educational Enhancement Trust Fund to public postsecondary  
819 education institutions for each Florida Bright Futures  
820 Scholarship recipient attending the institution.

821       (2) The amount of the subsidy per term for full-time  
822 enrollment shall be established in the General Appropriations  
823 Act. The subsidy shall be prorated for students who attend less  
824 than full time. The subsidy for a student who enrolls for 9 to  
825 11 semester credit hours per term, or the equivalent in quarter  
826 or contact hours, shall be three-quarters of the amount  
827 specified in the General Appropriations Act. The subsidy for a  
828 student who enrolls for 6 to 8 semester credit hours per term,  
829 or the equivalent in quarter or contact hours, shall be one-half  
830 of the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act.



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831       (3) To assist public postsecondary education institutions  
832 in planning and budgeting, the amount of each Florida Bright  
833 Futures subsidy set in the General Appropriations Act shall be  
834 no less than the amount set in the General Appropriations Act  
835 the prior year.

836       (4) The Department of Education shall distribute the  
837 Florida Bright Futures subsidy to each public postsecondary  
838 education institution upon certification from the institution of  
839 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship recipients enrolled and  
840 in attendance at the institution. The certification must include  
841 sufficient information to permit the department to prorate the  
842 subsidies for students who attend less than full time.

843       (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules pursuant  
844 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement provisions of this  
845 section.

846       Section 12. Sections 1009.538 and 1009.539, Florida  
847 Statutes, are repealed.

848       Section 13. The State Board of Education shall recommend  
849 to the Legislature by December 31, 2003, a plan that provides  
850 for increased tuition and reduced funding for credit hours taken  
851 by a student when such credit hours exceed the number of credit  
852 hours required for completion of the diploma, certificate, or  
853 degree program in which the student is enrolled. The degree  
854 programs addressed in the plan must include the associate,  
855 baccalaureate, graduate, and professional levels.

856       Section 14. Subsection (5) of section 1002.41, Florida  
857 Statutes, is amended to read:

858       1002.41 Home education programs.--



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859           (5) Home education students may participate in the Bright  
 860 Futures Scholarship Program in accordance with the provisions of  
 861 chapter 1009 ~~ss. 1009.53-1009.539~~.

862           Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.