



CHAMBER ACTION

The Committee on Finance & Tax recommends the following:

**Committee Substitute**

Remove the entire bill and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to higher education finance policy; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; revising provisions relating to determination of resident status for tuition purposes; providing for reclassification; providing for classification of certain graduate teaching assistants or graduate research assistants; amending s. 1009.23, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to fines assessed by community colleges; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising provisions relating to undergraduate tuition and fees; authorizing a nonrefundable admissions deposit; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; revising provisions relating to fee exemptions; amending s. 1009.53, F.S., relating to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; revising provisions relating to payment to postsecondary education institutions; providing for subsidies to institutions; specifying minimum hours for which students must be enrolled; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; revising initial eligibility criteria; providing eligibility period for



29 | students who enlist in the United States Armed Forces;  
30 | providing for additional weighting for certain courses;  
31 | amending s. 1009.532, F.S.; revising eligibility criteria  
32 | to renew a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship; revising  
33 | provisions relating to number of credit hours for which a  
34 | scholarship may be received; amending s. 1009.534, F.S.;  
35 | revising initial eligibility criteria for a Florida  
36 | Academic Scholarship; revising provisions relating to the  
37 | amount of a scholarship; authorizing cash payments;  
38 | revising renewal criteria; amending s. 1009.535, F.S.;  
39 | revising initial eligibility criteria for a Florida  
40 | Medallion Scholarship; revising provisions relating to the  
41 | amount of a scholarship; authorizing cash payments;  
42 | revising renewal criteria; amending s. 1009.536, F.S.;  
43 | revising the types of programs for which a Florida Gold  
44 | Seal Vocational Scholarship may be used; requiring the  
45 | State Board of Education to identify such programs;  
46 | revising provisions relating to the amount of a  
47 | scholarship; authorizing cash payments; revising renewal  
48 | criteria; revising provisions relating to number of  
49 | credits for which a scholarship may be received; revising  
50 | provisions relating to transfer to a Florida Medallion  
51 | Scholarship; creating s. 1009.5365, F.S.; providing for  
52 | subsidies to public postsecondary education institutions;  
53 | providing requirements for establishing the amount of  
54 | subsidies; repealing s. 1009.538, F.S., relating to  
55 | calculation of awards for Florida Bright Futures  
56 | Scholarship recipients attending nonpublic institutions;



57 | repealing s. 1009.539, F.S., relating to the Florida  
 58 | Bright Futures Scholarship Testing Program; requiring the  
 59 | State Board of Education to submit to the Legislature a  
 60 | plan regarding tuition and funding for excess hours;  
 61 | amending s. 1002.41, F.S.; correcting a cross reference;  
 62 | providing an effective date.

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

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 66 | Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of  
 67 | section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph (d) is  
 68 | added to said subsection, and paragraph (k) is added to  
 69 | subsection (10) of said section, to read:

70 | 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition  
 71 | purposes.--Students shall be classified as residents or  
 72 | nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in community  
 73 | colleges and state universities.

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

75 | 1. A person or, if that person is a dependent child, his  
 76 | or her parent or parents must have established legal residence  
 77 | in this state and must have maintained legal residence in this  
 78 | state for at least 12 months immediately prior to his or her  
 79 | initial enrollment at a Florida postsecondary education  
 80 | institution. For purposes of this section, the term "initial  
 81 | enrollment" is defined as the first day of class qualification.

82 | 2. Every applicant for admission to an institution of  
 83 | higher education shall be required to make a statement as to his  
 84 | or her length of residence in the state and, further, shall



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85 establish that his or her presence or, if the applicant is a  
86 dependent child, the presence of his or her parent or parents in  
87 the state currently is, and during the requisite 12-month  
88 qualifying period was, for the purpose of maintaining a bona  
89 fide domicile, rather than for the purpose of maintaining a mere  
90 temporary residence or abode incident to enrollment in an  
91 institution of higher education.

92 (b) However, with respect to a dependent child living with  
93 an adult relative other than the child's parent, such child may  
94 qualify as a resident for tuition purposes if the adult relative  
95 is a legal resident who has maintained legal residence in this  
96 state for at least 12 months immediately prior to the child's  
97 initial enrollment at a Florida postsecondary education  
98 institution ~~qualification~~, provided the child has resided  
99 continuously with such relative for the 5 years immediately  
100 prior to the child's initial enrollment ~~qualification~~, during  
101 which time the adult relative has exercised day-to-day care,  
102 supervision, and control of the child.

103 (d) A person who is classified as a nonresident for  
104 tuition purposes may become eligible for reclassification as a  
105 resident for tuition purposes if that person or, if that person  
106 is a dependent child, his or her parent presents documentation  
107 that supports permanent residency in this state, such as  
108 documentation of permanent full-time employment for the previous  
109 12 months or the purchase of a home in this state and residence  
110 therein for the prior 12 months.

111 (10) The following persons shall be classified as  
112 residents for tuition purposes:



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113           (k) A graduate teaching assistant or graduate research  
114 assistant while employed by a state university, when such  
115 employment is at least one-half time in a teaching or research  
116 assistant position that relates to the graduate assistant's  
117 degree program.

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

120           1009.23 Community college student fees.--

121           (12) In addition to tuition, out-of-state, financial aid,  
122 capital improvement, student activity and service, and  
123 technology fees authorized in this section, each community  
124 college board of trustees is authorized to establish fee  
125 schedules for the following user fees and fines: laboratory  
126 fees; parking fees and fines; library fees and fines; fees and  
127 fines relating to facilities and equipment use or damage; access  
128 or identification card fees; duplicating, photocopying, binding,  
129 or microfilming fees; standardized testing fees; diploma  
130 replacement fees; transcript fees; application fees; graduation  
131 fees; and late fees related to registration and payment. Such  
132 user fees ~~and fines~~ shall not exceed the cost of the services  
133 provided and shall only be charged to persons receiving the  
134 service. A community college may not charge any fee except as  
135 authorized by law or rules of the State Board of Education.  
136 Parking fee revenues may be pledged by a community college board  
137 of trustees as a dedicated revenue source for the repayment of  
138 debt, including lease-purchase agreements and revenue bonds with  
139 terms not exceeding 20 years and not exceeding the useful life  
140 of the asset being financed. Community colleges shall use the



141 services of the Division of Bond Finance of the State Board of  
 142 Administration to issue any revenue bonds authorized by the  
 143 provisions of this subsection. Any such bonds issued by the  
 144 Division of Bond Finance shall be in compliance with the  
 145 provisions of the State Bond Act. Bonds issued pursuant to the  
 146 State Bond Act shall be validated in the manner established in  
 147 chapter 75. The complaint for such validation shall be filed in  
 148 the circuit court of the county where the seat of state  
 149 government is situated, the notice required to be published by  
 150 s. 75.06 shall be published only in the county where the  
 151 complaint is filed, and the complaint and order of the circuit  
 152 court shall be served only on the state attorney of the circuit  
 153 in which the action is pending.

154 Section 3. Subsections (3) and (13) of section 1009.24,  
 155 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

156 1009.24 State university student fees.--

157 (3) Within proviso in the General Appropriations Act and  
 158 law, each board of trustees shall set university tuition and  
 159 fees. The sum of the activity and service, health, and athletic  
 160 fees a student is required to pay to register for a course shall  
 161 not exceed 40 percent of the tuition established in law or in  
 162 the General Appropriations Act. No university shall be required  
 163 to lower any fee in effect on the effective date of this act in  
 164 order to comply with this subsection. Within the 40 percent cap,  
 165 universities may not increase the aggregate sum of activity and  
 166 service, health, and athletic fees more than 5 percent per year  
 167 unless specifically authorized in law or in the General  
 168 Appropriations Act. This subsection does not prohibit a



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169 university from increasing or assessing optional fees related to  
170 specific activities if payment of such fees is not required as a  
171 part of registration for courses. Except as otherwise provided  
172 by law, the sum of nonresident tuition and out-of-state fees  
173 charged to undergraduates shall be sufficient to defray the full  
174 cost of undergraduate education.

175 (13) Each university board of trustees is authorized to  
176 establish a nonrefundable admissions deposit for undergraduate,  
177 graduate, and professional degree programs in an amount not to  
178 exceed \$200. The admissions deposit shall be imposed at the time  
179 of an applicant's acceptance to the university and shall be  
180 applied toward tuition upon enrollment. In the event the  
181 applicant does not enroll in the university, the admissions  
182 deposit shall be deposited in an auxiliary account of the  
183 university and used to expand financial assistance,  
184 scholarships, and student academic and career counseling  
185 services at the university. A university board of trustees that  
186 establishes an admissions deposit pursuant to this subsection  
187 must also adopt policies that provide for the waiver of such  
188 deposit on the basis of financial hardship. ~~The board of~~  
189 ~~trustees of the University of Florida is authorized to establish~~  
190 ~~an admissions deposit fee for the University of Florida College~~  
191 ~~of Dentistry in an amount not to exceed \$200.~~

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

194 1009.25 Fee exemptions.--

195 (2) The following students are exempt from the payment of  
196 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that



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197 provides postsecondary career and technical programs, community  
198 college, or state university:

199 (b) A student enrolled in an approved apprenticeship  
200 program, as defined in s. 446.021, but only with respect to such  
201 apprenticeship program.

202 (e) A student enrolled in a workforce development program  
203 who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or  
204 whose primary nighttime residence is a public or private shelter  
205 designed to provide temporary residence for individuals intended  
206 to be institutionalized, or a public or private place not  
207 designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping  
208 accommodation for human beings.

209 Section 5. Section 1009.53, Florida Statutes, is amended  
210 to read:

211 1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.--

212 (1) The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is  
213 created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to  
214 reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition  
215 of high academic achievement and who enrolls in a degree  
216 program, certificate program, or applied technology program at  
217 an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education  
218 institution within 3 years of graduation from high school.

219 (2) The Bright Futures Scholarship Program consists of  
220 three types of scholarships ~~awards~~: the Florida Academic  
221 Scholarship, the Florida Medallion Scholarship, and the Florida  
222 Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

223 (3) The Department of Education shall administer the  
224 Bright Futures Scholarship Program according to rules and





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225 procedures established by the State Board of Education. A single  
226 application must be sufficient for a student to apply for any of  
227 the three types of scholarships ~~awards~~. The department must  
228 advertise the availability of the scholarship program and must  
229 notify students, teachers, parents, guidance counselors, and  
230 principals or other relevant school administrators of the  
231 criteria and application procedures. The department must begin  
232 this process of notification no later than January 1 of each  
233 year.

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

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

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

248 (5) The department shall issue subsidies ~~awards~~ from the  
249 scholarship program annually. ~~Annual awards may be for up to 45~~  
250 ~~semester credit hours or the equivalent. Before the registration~~  
251 ~~period each semester,~~ The department shall transmit payment for  
252 each subsidy ~~award~~ to the president or director of the



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253 | postsecondary education institution, or his or her  
254 | representative pursuant to the provisions of this section and s.  
255 | 1009.5365, except that the department may withhold payment if  
256 | the receiving institution fails to report or to make refunds to  
257 | the department as required in this section.

258 |         (a) Within 30 days after the end of regular registration  
259 | each semester, the educational institution shall certify to the  
260 | department the eligibility status of each student who receives a  
261 | scholarship ~~an award~~. After the end of the drop and add period,  
262 | an institution is not required to reevaluate or revise a  
263 | student's eligibility status, but must make a refund to the  
264 | department if the institution receives a subsidy for a student  
265 | who receives a scholarship and ~~an award disbursement~~ terminates  
266 | enrollment for any reason during an academic term and a refund  
267 | is permitted by the institution's refund policy.

268 |         (b) An institution that receives funds from the program  
269 | shall certify to the department the amount of funds disbursed to  
270 | each student and shall remit to the department any undisbursed  
271 | advances within 60 days after the end of regular registration.

272 |         (c) Each institution that receives moneys through this  
273 | program shall prepare an annual report that includes an annual  
274 | financial audit, conducted by an independent certified public  
275 | accountant or the Auditor General. The report shall include an  
276 | audit of the institution's administration of the program and a  
277 | complete accounting of the moneys for the program. This report  
278 | must be submitted to the department annually by April ~~March~~ 1.  
279 | The department may conduct its own annual audit of an  
280 | institution's administration of the program. The department may



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281 request a refund of any moneys overpaid to the institution for  
282 the program. The department may suspend or revoke an  
283 institution's eligibility to receive future moneys for the  
284 program if the department finds that an institution has not  
285 complied with this section. The institution must remit within 60  
286 days any refund requested in accordance with this subsection.

287 (6) A student must be enrolled for at least 6 semester  
288 credit hours or the equivalent in quarter hours or clock hours  
289 per term to receive a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
290 ~~enrolled in 6 to 8 semester credit hours may receive up to one-~~  
291 ~~half of the maximum award; a student enrolled in 9 to 11 credit~~  
292 ~~hours may receive up to three-fourths of the maximum award; and~~  
293 ~~a student enrolled in 12 or more credit hours may receive up to~~  
294 ~~the full award.~~

295 (7) A student may receive only one type of ~~award from the~~  
296 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship ~~Program~~ at a time, but may  
297 transfer from one type of scholarship ~~award~~ to another through  
298 the renewal application process, if the student's eligibility  
299 status changes. However, a student is not eligible to transfer  
300 from a Florida Medallion Scholarship or a Florida Gold Seal  
301 Vocational Scholarship to a Florida Academic Scholarship. A  
302 student who receives a scholarship ~~an award~~ from the program may  
303 also receive a federal family education loan or a federal direct  
304 loan, and the value of the scholarship ~~award~~ must be considered  
305 in the certification or calculation of the student's loan  
306 eligibility.



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

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

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

315 Section 6. Section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, is amended  
316 to read:

317 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
318 student initial eligibility requirements ~~for initial awards~~.--

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

337 (d)(e) Not have been found guilty of, or plead nolo  
338 contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been  
339 granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the  
340 Executive Office of Clemency.

341 (e)(f) Apply for a scholarship from the program by high  
342 school graduation.

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

347 (2) A student is eligible to accept an initial scholarship  
348 ~~award~~ for 3 years following high school graduation and to accept  
349 a renewal of the scholarship award for 7 years following high  
350 school graduation. A student who applies for a Florida Bright  
351 Futures Scholarship ~~an award~~ by high school graduation and who  
352 meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not  
353 accept his or her scholarship award, may reinstate ~~reapply~~  
354 during subsequent application periods up to 3 years after high  
355 school graduation. For a student who enlists in the United  
356 States Armed Forces directly out of high school, the 3-year  
357 eligibility period for initial use of the scholarship and the 7-  
358 year renewal period shall begin upon the date of the student's  
359 separation from active duty. For a student who is receiving a  
360 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and who discontinues his or  
361 her education to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the  
362 remainder of the student's 7-year renewal period shall commence



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363 upon the date of the student's separation from active duty. To  
364 be eligible for the extension of periods for initial use and  
365 renewal of a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship pursuant to this  
366 subsection, a student must have been discharged or released from  
367 active duty under conditions other than dishonorable.

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

372 (a) Courses identified in the course code directory as  
373 Advanced Placement, pre-International Baccalaureate, ~~or~~  
374 International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate  
375 of Secondary Education, or Advanced International Certificate of  
376 Education.

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

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380 The department may assign additional weights to courses, other  
381 than those described in paragraphs (a) and (b), that are  
382 identified by the Department of Education as containing rigorous  
383 academic curriculum and performance standards. The additional  
384 weight assigned to a course pursuant to this subsection shall  
385 not exceed 0.5 per course. The weighted system shall be  
386 developed and distributed to all high schools in the state prior  
387 to January 1, 1998. The department may determine a student's  
388 eligibility status during the senior year before graduation and  
389 may inform the student of the scholarship ~~award~~ at that time.



390 (4) Each school district shall annually provide to each  
391 high school student a complete and accurate Florida Bright  
392 Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report and Key. The report shall  
393 be disseminated at the beginning of each school year. The report  
394 must include all high school coursework attempted, the number of  
395 credits earned toward each type of scholarship ~~award~~, and the  
396 calculation of the grade point average for each scholarship  
397 ~~award~~. The report must also identify all requirements not met  
398 per scholarship ~~award~~, including the grade point average  
399 requirement, as well as identify the scholarships ~~awards~~ for  
400 which the student has met the academic requirements. The student  
401 report cards must contain a disclosure that the grade point  
402 average calculated for purposes of the Florida Bright Futures  
403 Scholarship Program may differ from the grade point average on  
404 the report card.

405 (5) A student who wishes to qualify for a particular  
406 scholarship ~~award~~ within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
407 Program, but who does not meet all of the requirements for that  
408 level of scholarship ~~award~~, may, nevertheless, receive the  
409 scholarship ~~award~~ if the principal of the student's school or  
410 the district superintendent verifies that the deficiency is  
411 caused by the fact that school district personnel provided  
412 inaccurate or incomplete information to the student. The school  
413 district must provide a means for the student to correct the  
414 deficiencies and the student must correct them, either by  
415 completing comparable work at the postsecondary institution or  
416 by completing a directed individualized study program developed  
417 and administered by the school district. If the student does not



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418 complete the requirements by December 31 immediately following  
419 high school graduation, the student is ineligible to participate  
420 in the program.

421 Section 7. Section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended  
422 to read:

423 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
424 student eligibility requirements for renewal of a scholarship  
425 ~~awards~~.--

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

429 (a) Complete at least 12 semester credit hours or the  
430 equivalent for each term in the last academic year in which the  
431 student earned a scholarship or a prorated number of hours if  
432 the student received a scholarship for less than full-time  
433 enrollment.

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

436 1. If a recipient's grades fall beneath the average  
437 required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are  
438 sufficient to renew a Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~or a Florida~~  
439 ~~Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship~~, the Department of Education  
440 may grant a renewal as a Florida Medallion Scholarship ~~from one~~  
441 ~~of these other scholarship programs~~, if the student meets the  
442 renewal eligibility requirements; or

443 2. If, at any time during the eligibility period, a  
444 student's grades are insufficient to renew the scholarship, the  
445 student may restore eligibility by improving the grade point





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446 average to the required level. A student is eligible for such a  
447 restoration ~~reinstatement~~ only once. The Legislature encourages  
448 education institutions to assist students to calculate whether  
449 or not it is possible to raise the grade point average during  
450 the summer term. If the institution determines that it is  
451 possible, the education institution may so inform the  
452 department, which may reserve the student's scholarship ~~award~~ if  
453 funds are available. The renewal of the scholarship, however,  
454 must not be granted until the student achieves the required  
455 cumulative grade point average. If the summer term is not  
456 sufficient to raise the grade point average to the required  
457 renewal level, the student's next opportunity for restoration of  
458 the scholarship ~~renewal~~ is the fall semester of the following  
459 academic year.

460 (2)(a) A student who received his or her initial Florida  
461 Bright Futures Scholarship prior to the 2003-2004 academic year  
462 and is enrolled in a program that terminates in an associate  
463 degree or a baccalaureate degree may receive a scholarship ~~an~~  
464 ~~award~~ for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit hours  
465 required to complete the program. A student who received his or  
466 her initial Florida Bright Futures Scholarship prior to the  
467 2003-2004 academic year and is enrolled in a program that  
468 terminates in a technical certificate may receive a scholarship  
469 ~~an award~~ for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit hours or  
470 clock hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit  
471 hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels  
472 to another becomes eligible for the higher of the two credit  
473 hour limits.



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474 (b) Beginning with students who receive an initial Florida  
 475 Bright Futures Scholarship in the 2003-2004 academic year and  
 476 thereafter, a student who is enrolled in a program that  
 477 terminates in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may  
 478 receive a scholarship for the number of credit hours required to  
 479 complete the program and a student who is enrolled in a program  
 480 that terminates in a technical certificate may receive a  
 481 scholarship for the number of credit hours or clock hours  
 482 required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours. A  
 483 student who transfers from one of these program levels to  
 484 another becomes eligible for the higher of the two credit hour  
 485 limits.

486 Section 8. Section 1009.534, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 487 to read:

488 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholarship ~~Scholars award~~.--

489 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic  
 490 Scholarship ~~Scholars award~~ if the student meets the general  
 491 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures  
 492 Scholarship Program and the student:

493 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as  
 494 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high  
 495 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
 496 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has  
 497 attained at least a score of 1270 ~~the score identified by rules~~  
 498 ~~of the State Board of Education~~ on the combined verbal and  
 499 quantitative parts of the ~~Scholastic Aptitude Test, the~~  
 500 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic~~  
 501 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an



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502 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program or an equivalent  
503 examination as determined by the State Board of Education; or  
504 (b) Has attended a home education program pursuant  
505 ~~according~~ to s. 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed  
506 the International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn  
507 the International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the  
508 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but  
509 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of  
510 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score  
511 identified by rules of the State Board ~~Department~~ of Education  
512 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the ~~Scholastic~~  
513 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
514 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,  
515 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program or an  
516 equivalent examination; or  
517 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate  
518 Diploma from the International Baccalaureate Office; or  
519 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement  
520 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a  
521 scholar or finalist; or  
522 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic  
523 Recognition Program as a scholar recipient; or  
524 (f) Has been awarded an Advanced International Certificate  
525 of Education Diploma from the University of Cambridge  
526 International Examinations Office.

527  
528 A student must complete a program of community service work, as  
529 approved by the district school board or the administrators of a



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530 nonpublic school, which shall include a minimum of 75 hours of  
531 service work and require the student to identify a social  
532 problem that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her  
533 personal involvement in addressing the problem, and, through  
534 papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or  
535 her experience.

536 (2) A Florida Academic Scholar who is enrolled in a public  
537 postsecondary education institution is eligible for a  
538 scholarship that covers 100 percent of tuition and fees plus an  
539 award equal to the amount required to pay tuition, fees, and  
540 \$600 for college-related expenses annually. For purposes of this  
541 scholarship, the term "fees" includes the following fees:  
542 financial aid fee; capital improvement fee; building fee;  
543 Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; activity and service fee;  
544 health fee; athletic fee; and lab fees not to exceed \$300 per  
545 term. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary  
546 education institution is eligible for a scholarship ~~an award~~  
547 equal to the amount that the state provides as a Florida  
548 Academic Scholars Bright Futures subsidy to ~~would be required to~~  
549 ~~pay for the average tuition and fees of~~ a public postsecondary  
550 education institution at the comparable level, plus the annual  
551 \$600. A student who is enrolled in a public postsecondary  
552 education institution and chooses to receive the Florida Bright  
553 Futures Scholarship as a cash payment for expenses associated  
554 with postsecondary education is eligible for the amount of the  
555 Florida Bright Futures subsidy the state provides the public  
556 postsecondary education institution that the student attends.



557           (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and  
 558 effective with scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and  
 559 thereafter, the Legislature shall establish in the General  
 560 Appropriations Act the amount a student shall receive for a  
 561 Florida Academic Scholarship.

562           (4)(3) To be eligible to renew ~~for a renewal award as a~~  
 563 Florida Academic Scholarship Scholar, a student must maintain  
 564 the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a  
 565 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education coursework attempted  
 566 with an opportunity for one restoration ~~reinstatement~~ as  
 567 provided in this chapter.

568           (5)(4) In each school district, the Florida Academic  
 569 Scholar with the highest academic ranking as determined by the  
 570 department shall receive an additional ~~award of~~ \$1,500 for  
 571 college-related expenses, ~~This award must be funded from the~~  
 572 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

573           Section 9. Section 1009.535, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 574 to read:

575           1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholarship Scholars ~~award~~.--

576           (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
 577 student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholarship Scholars  
 578 ~~award~~ if the student meets the general eligibility requirements  
 579 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and the  
 580 student:

581           (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as  
 582 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high  
 583 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
 584 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has



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585 attained at least the score identified by rules of the State  
586 Board of Education on the combined verbal and quantitative parts  
587 of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test,  
588 or the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College  
589 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT  
590 Assessment Program; or

591 (b) Has attended a home education program pursuant  
592 ~~according~~ to s. 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 or has completed  
593 the International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn  
594 the International Baccalaureate Diploma or has completed the  
595 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but  
596 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of  
597 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score  
598 identified by rules of the State Board ~~Department~~ of Education  
599 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic  
600 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered  
601 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,  
602 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program; or

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

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

610 (2) A Florida Medallion Scholar is eligible for a  
611 scholarship that covers ~~an award equal to the amount required to~~  
612 ~~pay~~ 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the student is enrolled



613 | in a public postsecondary education institution. For purposes of  
 614 | this scholarship, the term "fees" includes the following fees:  
 615 | financial aid fee; capital improvement fee; building fee;  
 616 | Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; activity and service fee;  
 617 | health fee; athletic fee; and lab fees not to exceed \$300 per  
 618 | term. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic postsecondary  
 619 | education institution is eligible for a scholarship ~~an award~~  
 620 | equal to the amount that the state provides as a Florida  
 621 | Medallion Scholars Bright Futures subsidy to ~~would be required~~  
 622 | ~~to pay 75 percent of the tuition and fees of a public~~  
 623 | ~~postsecondary education institution at the comparable level.~~ A  
 624 | student who is enrolled in a public postsecondary education  
 625 | institution and chooses to receive the Florida Bright Futures  
 626 | Scholarship as a cash payment for expenses associated with  
 627 | postsecondary education is eligible for the amount of the  
 628 | Florida Bright Futures subsidy the state provides the public  
 629 | postsecondary education institution that the student attends.

630 | (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and  
 631 | effective with scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and  
 632 | thereafter, the Legislature shall establish in the General  
 633 | Appropriations Act the amount a student shall receive for a  
 634 | Florida Medallion Scholarship.

635 | (4)(3) To be eligible to renew ~~for a renewal award as a~~  
 636 | Florida Medallion Scholarship Scholar, a student must maintain  
 637 | the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a  
 638 | 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education coursework attempted  
 639 | with an opportunity for restoration ~~reinstatement~~ one time as  
 640 | provided in this chapter.



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641           (5) Notwithstanding the provisions relating to test scores  
642 in paragraphs (1)(a) and (b), beginning with initial Florida  
643 Medallion Scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year and  
644 thereafter, a student who has completed a college-preparatory  
645 curriculum must score a minimum of 1050 on the combined verbal  
646 and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Assessment Test of the  
647 College Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT  
648 Assessment Program or an equivalent examination as determined by  
649 the State Board of Education, to satisfy the test score  
650 requirement for a scholarship pursuant to this section. A  
651 student who is unable to document completion of a college-  
652 preparatory curriculum must score a minimum of 1150 on the  
653 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic  
654 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an  
655 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program or an equivalent  
656 examination as determined by the State Board of Education, to  
657 satisfy the test score requirement for a scholarship pursuant to  
658 this section.

659           Section 10. Section 1009.536, Florida Statutes, is amended  
660 to read:

661           1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship ~~Scholars~~  
662 ~~award~~.--The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship ~~Scholars~~  
663 ~~award~~ is created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
664 Program to recognize and reward academic achievement and career  
665 and technical preparation by high school students who wish to  
666 continue their education. Beginning with the fall term of the  
667 2005-2006 academic year, a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
668 Scholarship may not be used at a baccalaureate degree granting





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669 institution unless the scholarship is a renewal of a scholarship  
670 issued prior to that term or the student is enrolled in a  
671 program that has been identified by the State Board of Education  
672 as a program that serves as a continuation of a specific  
673 secondary or postsecondary career and technical program or a  
674 job-preparatory career education program as described in  
675 paragraph (1)(a). The State Board of Education shall publish a  
676 list of such programs no later than December 31, 2004.

677 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal  
678 Vocational Scholarship ~~Scholars award~~ if the student meets the  
679 general eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures  
680 Scholarship Program and the student:

681 (a) Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential  
682 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school  
683 career and technical credits taken over at least 2 academic  
684 years, and is continued in a planned, related postsecondary  
685 education program. If the student's school does not offer such a  
686 two-plus-two or tech-prep program, the student must complete a  
687 job-preparatory career education program selected by the  
688 Workforce Estimating Conference or Workforce Florida, Inc., for  
689 its ability to provide high-wage employment in an occupation  
690 with high potential for employment opportunities. On-the-job  
691 training may not be substituted for any of the three required  
692 career and technical credits.

693 (b) Demonstrates readiness for postsecondary education by  
694 earning a passing score on the Florida College Entry Level  
695 Placement Test or its equivalent as identified by the Department  
696 of Education.



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

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

704 (2) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible for  
705 a scholarship that covers ~~an award equal to the amount required~~  
706 ~~to pay~~ 75 percent of tuition and fees, if the student is  
707 enrolled in a public postsecondary education institution. For  
708 purposes of this scholarship, the term "fees" includes the  
709 following fees: financial aid fee; capital improvement fee;  
710 building fee; Capital Improvement Trust Fund fee; activity and  
711 service fee; health fee; athletic fee; and lab fees not to  
712 exceed \$300 per term. A student who is enrolled in a nonpublic  
713 postsecondary education institution is eligible for a  
714 scholarship ~~an award~~ equal to the amount that the state provides  
715 as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars Bright Futures  
716 subsidy ~~to would be required to pay 75 percent of the tuition~~  
717 ~~and mandatory fees of~~ a public postsecondary education  
718 institution at the comparable level. A student who is enrolled  
719 in a public postsecondary education institution and chooses to  
720 receive the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship as a cash payment  
721 for expenses associated with postsecondary education is eligible  
722 for the amount of the Florida Bright Futures subsidy the state  
723 provides the public postsecondary education institution that the  
724 student attends.



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725 (3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2) and  
726 effective with scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year and  
727 thereafter, the Legislature shall establish in the General  
728 Appropriations Act the amount a student shall receive for a  
729 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

730 (4)(3) To renew ~~be eligible for a renewal award as a~~  
731 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship Scholar, a student must  
732 maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of  
733 2.75 on a 4.0 scale for all postsecondary education coursework  
734 attempted with an opportunity for restoration ~~reinstatement~~ one  
735 time as provided in this chapter.

736 (5)(a)(4) A student who received his or her initial  
737 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship prior to the 2003-2004  
738 academic year may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational  
739 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours  
740 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the  
741 equivalent. ~~A Florida Gold Seal Scholar who has a cumulative~~  
742 ~~grade point average of 2.75 in all postsecondary education work~~  
743 ~~attempted may apply for a Florida Medallion Scholars award at~~  
744 ~~any renewal period. All other provisions of that program apply,~~  
745 ~~and the credit hour limitation must be calculated by subtracting~~  
746 ~~from the student's total eligibility the number of credit hours~~  
747 ~~the student attempted while earning the Gold Seal Vocational~~  
748 ~~Scholarship.~~

749 (b) Beginning with students who receive an initial Florida  
750 Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship in the 2003-2004 academic year  
751 and thereafter, a student may receive a Florida Gold Seal



752 Vocational Scholarship for the number of credit hours or clock  
 753 hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours.

754 (6) Upon successful completion of an associate degree  
 755 program or admission to the upper division of a state  
 756 university, or the equivalent as determined by the State Board  
 757 of Education, a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar who meets  
 758 the scholarship renewal criteria in subsection (4) and enrolls  
 759 in a baccalaureate degree program at an eligible postsecondary  
 760 education institution is eligible to transfer to the Florida  
 761 Medallion Scholarship component of the Florida Bright Futures  
 762 Scholarship Program. Other than initial eligibility criteria,  
 763 all other provisions of that component apply.

764 Section 11. Section 1009.5365, Florida Statutes, is  
 765 created to read:

766 1009.5365 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship subsidy to  
 767 public postsecondary education institutions.--

768 (1) Beginning with the 2003-2004 fiscal year, the state  
 769 shall provide a Florida Bright Futures subsidy from the  
 770 Educational Enhancement Trust Fund to public postsecondary  
 771 education institutions for each Florida Bright Futures  
 772 Scholarship recipient attending the institution.

773 (2) The amount of the subsidy per term for full-time  
 774 enrollment shall be established in the General Appropriations  
 775 Act. The subsidy shall be prorated for students who attend less  
 776 than full time. The subsidy for a student who enrolls for 9 to  
 777 11 semester credit hours per term, or the equivalent in quarter  
 778 or contact hours, shall be three-quarters of the amount  
 779 specified in the General Appropriations Act. The subsidy for a



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780 student who enrolls for 6 to 8 semester credit hours per term,  
781 or the equivalent in quarter or contact hours, shall be one-half  
782 of the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act.

783 (3) To assist public postsecondary education institutions  
784 in planning and budgeting, the amount of each Florida Bright  
785 Futures subsidy set in the General Appropriations Act shall be  
786 no less than the amount set in the General Appropriations Act  
787 the prior year.

788 (4) The Department of Education shall distribute the  
789 Florida Bright Futures subsidy to each public postsecondary  
790 education institution upon certification from the institution of  
791 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship recipients enrolled and  
792 in attendance at the institution. The certification must include  
793 sufficient information to permit the department to prorate the  
794 subsidies for students who attend less than full time.

795 (5) The State Board of Education may adopt rules pursuant  
796 to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement provisions of this  
797 section.

798 Section 12. Sections 1009.538 and 1009.539, Florida  
799 Statutes, are repealed.

800 Section 13. The State Board of Education shall recommend  
801 to the Legislature by December 31, 2003, a plan that provides  
802 for increased tuition and reduced funding for credit hours taken  
803 by a student when such credit hours exceed the number of credit  
804 hours required for completion of the diploma, certificate, or  
805 degree program in which the student is enrolled. The degree  
806 programs addressed in the plan must include the associate,  
807 baccalaureate, graduate, and professional levels.



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808           Section 14. Subsection (5) of section 1002.41, Florida  
 809 Statutes, is amended to read:  
 810           1002.41 Home education programs.--  
 811           (5) Home education students may participate in the Bright  
 812 Futures Scholarship Program in accordance with the provisions of  
 813 chapter 1009 ~~ss. 1009.53-1009.539~~.  
 814           Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.  
 815