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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to postsecondary education;
amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; classifying certain
students as residents for tuition purposes;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (k) is added to subsection (10)
of section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

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

(k) A student who:

1. Has resided in this state for at least 3
consecutive years immediately preceding the date the student
received a Florida high school degree or its equivalent.

2. Has provided to a community college or a state
university an affidavit stating that the student will file an
application to become a permanent resident of the United
States at the earliest time at which he or she is eligible to
do so.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Classifies a postsecondary student as a resident for tuition purposes if he or she has lived in Florida for 3 years or more immediately preceding the receipt of a Florida high school degree and submits to the college an affidavit that the student will apply to be a permanent United States resident at the earliest possible opportunity.