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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to student financial assistance;
3 prohibiting state funds from being used to provide
4 financial assistance to certain postsecondary education
5 students who are citizens of specified countries;
6 requiring the amount of funds used for such purpose in
7 fiscal year 2001-2002 to be allocated annually to the
8 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to
14 the contrary, no funds from general revenue, the lottery, or
15 financial aid fee revenues shall be used to provide student
16 financial assistance in the form of scholarships, fellowships,
17 grants, loans, tuition or fee waivers, or other financial
18 assistance to any nonresident alien student who is enrolled in a
19 Florida public postsecondary educational institution and who is
20 a citizen of any country that is identified by the United States
21 Department of State as terrorist or supporting terrorism. A
22 student's country of citizenship shall be determined at the time
23 of a student's enrollment. A nonresident alien student who has
24 been determined ineligible pursuant to the provisions of this
25 section shall remain ineligible for such assistance while
26 enrolled in a Florida public postsecondary educational
27 institution. However, if a student's country of citizenship is
28 removed from the United States Department of State list of
29 identified countries, such student shall become eligible for



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30 student financial assistance pursuant to the provisions of this
31 section.

32 Section 2. The amount of state-funded student financial
33 assistance provided by Florida public postsecondary educational
34 institutions to students specified in section 1 of this act
35 during fiscal year 2001-2002 shall be allocated annually for
36 fiscal year 2003-2004 and each subsequent fiscal year to the
37 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program. Such funds shall not
38 be used to replace current-level funding for the Florida Bright
39 Futures Scholarship Program, but shall be supplemental funds.

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.