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See HB 19

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to educational grants; amending  
3           s. 1009.89, F.S.; revising eligibility  
4           requirements for participation in the William  
5           L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant  
6           Program by independent nonprofit colleges and  
7           universities; amending s. 1009.891, F.S.;  
8           revising eligibility requirements for  
9           participation in the Access to Better Learning  
10          and Education Grant Program by for-profit and  
11          nonprofit colleges and universities; reenacting  
12          ss. 282.105(4), 1009.57(2)(a), and 1009.765,  
13          F.S., to incorporate the amendment to s.  
14          1009.89, F.S., in references; providing an  
15          effective date.

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

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19           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 1009.89, Florida  
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21           1009.89 The William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident  
22 access grants.--

23           (3) The department shall issue through the program a  
24 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida resident access grant to any  
25 full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student registered at  
26 an independent nonprofit college or university which is  
27 located in and chartered by the state; which is accredited by  
28 the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of  
29 Colleges and Schools; which grants baccalaureate degrees; and  
30 which is not a state university or state community college~~r~~  
31 ~~and which has a secular purpose~~, so long as the receipt of

1 state aid by students at the institution would not have the  
2 primary effect of advancing or impeding religion or result in  
3 an excessive entanglement between the state and any religious  
4 sect. Any independent college or university that was eligible  
5 to receive tuition vouchers on January 1, 1989, and which  
6 continues to meet the criteria under which its eligibility was  
7 established, shall remain eligible to receive William L. Boyd,  
8 IV, Florida resident access grant payments.

9 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 1009.891, Florida  
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 1009.891 The Access to Better Learning and Education  
12 Grant Program.--

13 (3) The department shall issue an access grant to any  
14 full-time student seeking a baccalaureate degree who is  
15 registered at a for-profit college or university that is  
16 located in and chartered by the state and that is accredited  
17 by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of  
18 Colleges and Schools or who is registered at a nonprofit  
19 college or university that is chartered out of the state, that  
20 has been located in the state for 10 years or more, and that  
21 is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern  
22 Association of Colleges and Schools, the Middle States  
23 Association of Colleges and Schools, the North Central  
24 Association of Colleges and Schools, or the New England  
25 Association of Colleges and Schools; that grants baccalaureate  
26 degrees; and that is not a state university or state community  
27 college; ~~and that has a secular purpose~~, if the receipt of  
28 state aid by students at the institution would not have the  
29 primary effect of advancing or impeding religion or result in  
30 an excessive entanglement between the state and any religious  
31 sect. Institutions eligible for the Access to Better Learning

1 and Education Grant Program in the initial year of funding  
2 shall include only those for-profit colleges or universities  
3 identified in this subsection. Nonprofit colleges or  
4 universities identified in this subsection shall be eligible  
5 for financial support in the second year of funding.

6 Section 3. For the purpose of incorporating the  
7 amendment made by this act to section 1009.89, Florida  
8 Statutes, in a reference thereto, subsection (4) of section  
9 282.105, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

10 282.105 Use of state SUNCOM Network by nonprofit  
11 corporations.--

12 (4) Institutions qualified to participate in the  
13 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program  
14 pursuant to s. 1009.89 shall be eligible to use the state  
15 SUNCOM Network, subject to the terms and conditions of the  
16 office. Such entities shall not be required to satisfy the  
17 other criteria of this section.

18 Section 4. For the purpose of incorporating the  
19 amendment made by this act to section 1009.89, Florida  
20 Statutes, in a reference thereto, paragraph (a) of subsection  
21 (2) of section 1009.57, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to  
22 read:

23 1009.57 Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable  
24 Loan Program.--

25 (2) Within the Florida Teacher Scholarship and  
26 Forgivable Loan Program shall be established the "Chappie"  
27 James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship which shall be  
28 offered to a top graduating senior from each public secondary  
29 school in the state. An additional number of "Chappie" James  
30 Most Promising Teacher Scholarship awards shall be offered  
31 annually to graduating seniors from private secondary schools

1 in the state which are listed with the Department of Education  
2 and accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and  
3 Schools or any other private statewide accrediting agency  
4 which makes public its standards, procedures, and member  
5 schools. The private secondary schools shall be in compliance  
6 with regulations of the Office for Civil Rights. The number of  
7 awards to private secondary school students shall be  
8 proportional to the number of awards available to public  
9 secondary school students and shall be calculated as the ratio  
10 of the number of private to public secondary school seniors in  
11 the state multiplied by the number of public secondary schools  
12 in the state.

13 (a) The scholarship may be used for attendance at a  
14 state university, a community college, or an independent  
15 institution as defined in s. 1009.89.

16 Section 5. For the purpose of incorporating the  
17 amendment made by this act to section 1009.89, Florida  
18 Statutes, in a reference thereto, section 1009.765, Florida  
19 Statutes, is reenacted to read:

20 1009.765 Ethics in Business scholarships for community  
21 colleges and independent postsecondary educational  
22 institutions.--When the Department of Insurance or the Office  
23 of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission  
24 receives a \$6 million settlement as specified in the Consent  
25 Order of the Treasurer and Insurance Commissioner, case number  
26 18900-96-c, that portion of the \$6 million not used to satisfy  
27 the requirements of section 18 of the Consent Order must be  
28 transferred from the Insurance Regulatory Trust Fund to the  
29 State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund is appropriated  
30 from the State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund to  
31 provide Ethics in Business scholarships to students enrolled

1 in public community colleges and independent postsecondary  
2 educational institutions eligible to participate in the  
3 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program  
4 under s. 1009.89. The funds shall be allocated to institutions  
5 for scholarships in the following ratio: Two-thirds for  
6 community colleges and one-third for eligible independent  
7 institutions. The Department of Education shall administer the  
8 scholarship program for students attending community colleges  
9 and independent institutions. These funds must be allocated to  
10 institutions that provide an equal amount of matching funds  
11 generated by private donors for the purpose of providing  
12 Ethics in Business scholarships. Public funds may not be used  
13 to provide the match, nor may funds collected for other  
14 purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the  
15 State Board of Administration shall have the authority to  
16 invest the funds appropriated under this section. The  
17 Department of Education may adopt rules for administration of  
18 the program.

19 Section 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
20 law.

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