

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Committee on Appropriations recommends the following:

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3 **Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to postsecondary student fees; amending s.
7 1009.21, F.S.; classifying as residents for tuition
8 purposes certain active duty members of a foreign nation's
9 military and certain employees of international
10 multilateral organizations; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.;
11 providing an exemption from payment of nonresident tuition
12 at community colleges and state universities for certain
13 students meeting eligibility criteria; providing an
14 effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Paragraphs (k) and (l) are added to subsection
19 (10) of section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

20 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition
21 purposes.--Students shall be classified as residents or
22 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in community
23 colleges and state universities.

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

26 (k) Active duty members of a foreign nation's military
27 serving as liaison officers and residing or stationed in this
28 state, and their spouses and dependent children, attending a
29 community college or state university within 50 miles of the
30 military establishment where they are stationed.

31 (l) Full-time employees of international multilateral
32 organizations based in Florida that are recognized by the United
33 States Department of State and their spouses and dependent
34 children.

35 Section 2. Subsection (4) is added to section 1009.25,
36 Florida Statutes, to read:

37 1009.25 Fee exemptions.--

38 (4) A student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the
39 meaning of 8 U.S.C. s. 1101(a)(15), who meets all of the
40 following requirements shall be exempt from paying nonresident
41 tuition at community colleges and state universities:

42 (a) Has resided in Florida with a parent as defined in s.
43 1009.21(1)(d) for at least 3 consecutive years immediately
44 preceding the date the student received a high school diploma or
45 its equivalent and has attended a Florida high school for at
46 least 3 consecutive school years during such time.

47 (b) Has provided to a community college or a state
48 university an affidavit stating that the student will file an
49 application to become a permanent resident of the United States
50 at the earliest opportunity he or she is eligible to do so.

51 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.