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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to student financial assistance; amending
 3 s. 1009.50, F.S.; revising provisions relating to student
 4 eligibility for receipt of a Florida public student
 5 assistance grant; providing an appropriation; providing an
 6 effective date.

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

10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and subsection
 11 (3) of section 1009.50, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

12 1009.50 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program;
 13 eligibility for grants.--

14 (2)(a) State student assistance grants through the program
 15 may be made only to degree-seeking students who enroll in at
 16 least 3 ~~6~~ semester hours, or the equivalent per term, and who
 17 meet the general requirements for student eligibility as
 18 provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this
 19 section. The grants shall be awarded annually for the amount of
 20 demonstrated unmet need for the cost of education and may not
 21 exceed an amount equal to the average prior academic year cost
 22 of tuition, ~~fees and~~ other registration fees, and assigned books
 23 and supplies for 40 ~~30~~ credit hours at state universities or
 24 such other amount as specified in the General Appropriations
 25 Act, to any recipient. A demonstrated unmet need of less than
 26 \$100 ~~\$200~~ shall render the applicant ineligible for a state
 27 student assistance grant. Recipients of the grants must have
 28 been accepted at a state university or community college
 29 authorized by Florida law. A student is eligible for the award

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30 for 125 ~~110~~ percent of the number of credit hours required to
31 complete the program in which enrolled, except as otherwise
32 provided in s. 1009.40(3).

33 (3) Based on the unmet financial need of an eligible
34 applicant, the amount of a Florida public student assistance
35 grant must be between \$100 ~~\$200~~ and the weighted average of the
36 cost of tuition, ~~and~~ other registration fees, and assigned books
37 and supplies for 40 ~~30~~ credit hours at state universities per
38 academic year or the amount specified in the General
39 Appropriations Act.

40 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the General
41 Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for fiscal year
42 2004-2005 the sum of \$30 million for the Florida Public Student
43 Assistance Grant Program.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004.