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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures
3 Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.531,
4 F.S.; revising program requirements to exclude
5 from eligibility any student who is enrolled
6 full time in an early admission program of a
7 postsecondary institution and who enters ninth
8 grade in the 2005-2006 school year and
9 thereafter; amending ss. 1007.27, 1007.271, and
10 1011.62, F.S., relating to articulated
11 acceleration mechanisms, dual enrollment
12 programs, and the calculation of full-time
13 equivalent membership; conforming provisions to
14 changes made by the act; providing an effective
15 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 (1) of section 1009.531, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
22 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.--

23 (1) To be eligible for an initial award from any of
24 the three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright
25 Futures Scholarship Program, a student must:

26 (a) Be a Florida resident as defined in s. 1009.40 and
27 rules of the State Board of Education.

28 (b) Earn a standard Florida high school diploma or its
29 equivalent as described in s. 1003.429, s. 1003.43, or s.
30 1003.435 unless:
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1 1. The student is enrolled full time in the early
2 admission program of an eligible postsecondary education
3 institution, except that this subparagraph does not apply to
4 any student who enters ninth grade in the 2005-2006 school
5 year and thereafter;

6 2. The student ~~or~~ completes a home education program
7 according to s. 1002.41; or

8 3.2- The student earns a high school diploma from a
9 non-Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who
10 is on military or public service assignment away from Florida.

11 (c) Be accepted by and enroll in an eligible Florida
12 public or independent postsecondary education institution.

13 (d) Be enrolled for at least 6 semester credit hours
14 or the equivalent in quarter hours or clock hours.

15 (e) Not have been found guilty of, or entered a plea
16 of nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has
17 been granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as
18 the Executive Office of Clemency.

19 (f) Apply for a scholarship from the program by high
20 school graduation.

21 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 1007.27, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 1007.27 Articulated acceleration mechanisms.--

24 (5) Early admission shall be a form of dual enrollment
25 through which eligible secondary students enroll in a
26 postsecondary institution on a full-time basis in courses that
27 are creditable toward the high school diploma and the
28 associate or baccalaureate degree. A student ~~Students~~ enrolled
29 pursuant to this subsection shall be exempt from the payment
30 of registration, tuition, and laboratory fees, but may not
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1 receive a Bright Futures Scholarship award until the student
2 has complied with the provisions of s. 1009.531(1)(b).

3 Section 3. Subsections (2), (7), (8), and (13) of
4 section 1007.271, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

5 1007.271 Dual enrollment programs.--

6 (2) For the purpose of this section, an eligible
7 secondary student is a student who is enrolled in a Florida
8 public secondary school or in a Florida private secondary
9 school which is in compliance with s. 1002.42(2) and conducts
10 a secondary curriculum pursuant to s. 1003.43. Students
11 enrolled in postsecondary instruction that is not creditable
12 toward the high school diploma shall not be classified as dual
13 enrollments. Students who are eligible for dual enrollment
14 pursuant to this section shall be permitted to enroll in dual
15 enrollment courses conducted during school hours, after school
16 hours, and during the summer term. Instructional time for such
17 enrollment may exceed 900 hours; however, the school district
18 may only report the student for a maximum of 1.0 FTE, as
19 provided in s. 1011.61(4). Any student so enrolled is exempt
20 from the payment of registration, tuition, and laboratory
21 fees, but the student may not receive a Bright Futures
22 Scholarship award until the student has complied with the
23 provisions of s. 1009.531(1)(b). Vocational-preparatory
24 instruction, college-preparatory instruction and other forms
25 of precollegiate instruction, as well as physical education
26 courses that focus on the physical execution of a skill rather
27 than the intellectual attributes of the activity, are
28 ineligible for inclusion in the dual enrollment program.
29 Recreation and leisure studies courses shall be evaluated
30 individually in the same manner as physical education courses
31 for potential inclusion in the program.

1 (7) Early admission shall be a form of dual enrollment
2 through which eligible secondary students enroll in a
3 postsecondary institution on a full-time basis in courses that
4 are creditable toward the high school diploma and the
5 associate or baccalaureate degree. A student ~~Students~~ enrolled
6 pursuant to this subsection shall be exempt from the payment
7 of registration, tuition, and laboratory fees, but may not
8 receive a Bright Futures Scholarship award until the student
9 has complied with the provisions of s. 1009.531(1)(b).

10 (8) Career early admission is a form of career dual
11 enrollment through which eligible secondary students enroll
12 full time in a career center or a community college in courses
13 that are creditable toward the high school diploma and the
14 certificate or associate degree. Participation in the career
15 early admission program shall be limited to students who have
16 completed a minimum of 6 semesters of full-time secondary
17 enrollment, including studies undertaken in the ninth grade. A
18 student ~~Students~~ enrolled pursuant to this section is ~~are~~
19 exempt from the payment of registration, tuition, and
20 laboratory fees, but may not receive a Bright Futures
21 Scholarship award until the student has complied with the
22 provisions of s. 1009.531(1)(b).

23 (13) It is the intent of the Legislature that students
24 who meet the eligibility requirements of this section
25 ~~subsection~~ and who choose to participate in dual enrollment
26 programs be exempt from the payment of registration, tuition,
27 and laboratory fees, but that such students may not receive a
28 Bright Futures Scholarship award until complying with the
29 provisions of s. 1009.531(1)(b).

30 Section 4. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section
31 1011.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1 1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.--If the annual
2 allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each
3 district for operation of schools is not determined in the
4 annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing
5 the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as
6 follows:

7 (1) COMPUTATION OF THE BASIC AMOUNT TO BE INCLUDED FOR
8 OPERATION.--The following procedure shall be followed in
9 determining the annual allocation to each district for
10 operation:

11 (i) Calculation of full-time equivalent membership
12 with respect to instruction from community colleges or state
13 universities.--Students enrolled in community college or
14 university dual enrollment instruction pursuant to s. 1007.271
15 may be included in calculations of full-time equivalent
16 student memberships for basic programs for grades 9 through 12
17 by a district school board. Such students may also be
18 calculated as the proportional shares of full-time equivalent
19 enrollments they generate for the community college or
20 university conducting the dual enrollment instruction. Early
21 admission students shall be considered dual enrollments for
22 funding purposes. Students may be enrolled in dual enrollment
23 instruction provided by an eligible independent college or
24 university and may be included in calculations of full-time
25 equivalent student memberships for basic programs for grades 9
26 through 12 by a district school board. However, those
27 provisions of law which exempt dual enrolled and early
28 admission students from payment of instructional materials and
29 tuition and fees, including laboratory fees, shall not apply
30 to students who select the option of enrolling in an eligible
31 independent institution. An independent college or university

1 | which is located and chartered in Florida, is not for profit,
2 | is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern
3 | Association of Colleges and Schools or the Accrediting Council
4 | for Independent Colleges and Schools, and which confers
5 | degrees as defined in s. 1005.02 shall be eligible for
6 | inclusion in the dual enrollment or early admission program. A
7 | student ~~Students~~ enrolled in dual enrollment instruction shall
8 | be exempt from the payment of tuition and fees, including
9 | laboratory fees, but may not receive a Bright Futures
10 | Scholarship award until the student has complied with the
11 | provisions of s. 1009.531(1)(b). No student enrolled in
12 | college credit mathematics or English dual enrollment
13 | instruction shall be funded as a dual enrollment unless the
14 | student has successfully completed the relevant section of the
15 | entry-level examination required pursuant to s. 1008.30.

16 | Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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19 | SENATE SUMMARY

20 | Revises the eligibility requirements for the Florida
21 | Bright Futures Scholarship Program to exclude from
22 | eligibility any student who is enrolled full time in an
23 | early admission program of a postsecondary institution
24 | and who enters ninth grade in the 2005-2006 school year
25 | and thereafter.
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