

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Education Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to student financial assistance; providing  
7 legislative intent to expand access to postsecondary  
8 education and reduce student indebtedness; requiring each  
9 state university and community college to report  
10 information relating to certain funds used to provide  
11 financial assistance to certain students; prohibiting the  
12 use of such funds to provide financial assistance to  
13 specified foreign students; defining the term "eligible  
14 Florida resident"; providing for the redirection of funds  
15 to provide additional need-based financial assistance to  
16 eligible Florida residents; requiring a report by state  
17 universities and community colleges; providing an  
18 effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to use  
23 a portion of the state's limited resources to expand access to

24 postsecondary education and to reduce student indebtedness by  
 25 increasing need-based financial assistance for Florida  
 26 residents. Expanding access and increasing financial assistance  
 27 will encourage Florida residents to pursue postsecondary  
 28 education, which will produce economic benefits for the state by  
 29 increasing the levels of higher educational attainment and  
 30 earning potential of Florida's citizenry.

31 (2) By December 31, 2005, each state university and  
 32 community college shall report to the President of the Senate  
 33 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

34 (a) The total amount of state funds appropriated directly  
 35 or indirectly to the institution and tuition and fee revenues  
 36 generated by Florida residents that was used to provide  
 37 financial assistance during the 2003-2004 academic year to  
 38 students holding F-1 or M-1 visas.

39 (b) The total amount of state funds appropriated directly  
 40 or indirectly to the institution and tuition and fee revenues  
 41 generated by Florida residents that was used to provide need-  
 42 based financial assistance during the 2003-2004 academic year to  
 43 students classified as residents for tuition purposes pursuant  
 44 to s. 1009.21, Florida Statutes.

45 (3) Effective for the 2006-2007 academic year and each  
 46 year thereafter:

47 (a) A state university or community college shall not use  
 48 state funds appropriated directly or indirectly to the  
 49 institution or tuition or fee revenues generated by Florida  
 50 residents to provide financial assistance to any student holding  
 51 an F-1 or M-1 visa.

52        (b) The amount of funds reported pursuant to paragraph  
 53 (2)(a) shall be used by an institution to provide additional  
 54 need-based financial assistance to eligible Florida residents.  
 55 If the unmet need for eligible Florida residents is fully  
 56 satisfied without reliance on loans, any remaining funds shall  
 57 be used to provide merit-based financial assistance to eligible  
 58 Florida residents.

59        (4) For purposes of this section, "eligible Florida  
 60 resident" means a student classified at the time of initial  
 61 enrollment at a state university or community college as a  
 62 resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21, Florida  
 63 Statutes.

64        (5) Funds redirected pursuant to this section shall be  
 65 additional funds for need-based financial assistance for  
 66 eligible Florida residents and shall not be used to reduce or  
 67 supplant the level of funding for need-based financial  
 68 assistance for such students.

69        (6) For purposes of this section, financial assistance  
 70 does not include compensation paid to students for  
 71 assistantships or participation in work-study programs.

72        (7) Each state university and community college shall  
 73 report to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
 74 House of Representatives by July 1, 2007, the number of Florida  
 75 residents benefiting from the use of financial assistance  
 76 provided from the funds redirected pursuant to this section.

77        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.