By the Committee on Education; and Senator Wise

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| 1 | A bill to be entitled |
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| 2 | An act relating to student financial |
| 3 | assistance; creating s. 1009.893, F.S.; |
| 4 | providing legislative intent; creating the |
| 5 | Florida Independent Collegiate Assistance Grant |
| 6 | Program to provide grants to certain students |
| 7 | who attend nonpublic institutions of higher |
| 8 | education and are enrolled in programs leading |
| 9 | to specified occupations; requiring the |
| 10 | Department of Education to administer the |
| 11 | <pre>program; providing eligibility requirements;</pre> |
| 12 | providing requirements for the criteria and |
| 13 | priorities for funding; defining the term |
| 14 | "eligible nonpublic institution of higher |
| 15 | education"; requiring the adoption of rules; |
| 16 | requiring the Office of Program Policy Analysis |
| 17 | and Government Accountability to make certain |
| 18 | assessments and submit a report to the |
| 19 | Legislature; providing an effective date. |
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| 21 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: |
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| 23 | Section 1. Section 1009.893, Florida Statutes, is |
| 24 | created to read: |
| 25 | 1009.893 Florida Independent Collegiate Assistance |
| 26 | Grant Program |
| 27 | (1) The Legislature finds and declares that nonpublic |
| 28 | institutions eligible to participate in the Florida |
| 29 | Independent Collegiate Assistance Grant Program are an |
| 30 | integral part of the higher education system in this state. |
| 31 | The Legislature finds that a significant number of state |

| 1 | residents choose to pursue higher education at these |
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| 2 | institutions and that these institutions and the students they |
| 3 | educate and train make a substantial contribution to the |
| 4 | development of the state's economy. The Legislature intends to |
| 5 | create a grant program that is not based on a student's |
| 6 | financial need or other criteria upon which most financial aid |
| 7 | programs are based, but to create a tuition assistance program |
| 8 | for state residents. |
| 9 | (2) There is created the Florida Independent |
| 10 | Collegiate Assistance Grant Program, or FICA Grant Program, to |
| 11 | be administered by the Department of Education. |
| 12 | (3) Subject to legislative appropriation, the |
| 13 | department shall issue an access grant under the FICA Grant |
| 14 | Program to any full-time student who: |
| 15 | (a) Meets the residency requirement as provided in s. |
| 16 | 1009.40. |
| 17 | (b) Is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student |
| 18 | in a Florida campus-based program at an eligible nonpublic |
| 19 | institution of higher education and is seeking an associate or |
| 20 | higher degree. |
| 21 | (c) Is enrolled in an undergraduate degree program |
| 22 | that leads to employment in one of the top 15 occupations, in |
| 23 | numbers of annual openings, as listed on the Agency for |
| 24 | Workforce Innovation's Florida Statewide Targeted Occupations |
| 25 | List at the time of initial enrollment. |
| 26 | (d) Is making satisfactory academic progress as |
| 27 | defined by the nonpublic institution of higher education in |
| 28 | which the student is enrolled. |
| 29 | (4) The criteria and priorities for funding shall be |
| 30 | adopted annually by State Board of Education rule for the top |
| 31 | 15 occupations listed and shall match standard occupational |

| 1 | classification titles on the Agency for Workforce Innovation's |
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| 2 | lists with Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) |
| 3 | codes for licensed training programs. |
| 4 | (5) As used in this section, the term "eliqible |
| 5 | nonpublic institution of higher education" means an |
| 6 | institution: |
| 7 | (a) That is licensed by the Commission for Independent |
| 8 | Education under chapter 1005, is accredited by an accrediting |
| 9 | agency that is recognized by the United States Secretary of |
| 10 | Education as a reliable authority as to the quality of |
| 11 | education or training offered at its accredited institutions, |
| 12 | and has established performance requirements for student |
| 13 | achievement that include minimum objective quantitative |
| 14 | standards, including completion rates and placement rates as |
| 15 | determined by its accrediting agency. |
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| 16 | (b) That uses an assessment required in s. |
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31 Government Accountability shall assess methods used to

| 1 | evaluate a student's ability to successfully complete the |
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| 2 | course of study for which the student has applied before |
| 3 | accepting the student into the program, completion rates, |
| 4 | job-placement rates, and the method used by institutions to |
| 5 | assure the accuracy of the reported data. By December 31, |
| 6 | 2007, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government |
| 7 | Accountability shall submit an initial report to the President |
| 8 | of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. |
| 9 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. |
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| 11 | STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR |
| 12 | Senate Bill 1016 |
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| 14 | This committee substitute provides: |
| 15 | Revises eligibility for participating private institutions of higher education to add: |
| 16 | - The use of a reliable method of assessment |
| 17 | identified pursuant to s. 1005.04(1)(b) that the State Board of Education has recommended; |
| 18 | - Participation in the Florida Education and Training |
| 19 | Placement Information Program; and |
| 20 | Participation in the statewide course numbering system. |
| 21 | Requires OPPAGA to assess methods used to evaluation student |
| 22 | success, completion rates, and job placement rates; and to submit an initial report to the Senate President and House of |
| 23 | Representatives Speaker by December 31, 2007. |
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