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The Committee on Education Appropriations (King) recommended  
the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 1009.701, Florida Statutes, is  
created to read:

1009.701 First Generation Matching Grant Program.--

(1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program is  
created to enable each state university to provide donors with  
a matching grant incentive for contributions that will create  
grant-based student financial aid for undergraduate students  
who demonstrate financial need and whose parents, as defined  
in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned a baccalaureate degree. In  
the case of any individual who regularly resided with and  
received support from only one parent, an individual whose  
only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate degree would  
also be eligible.

(2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the

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1 program shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial  
 2 Assistance to match private contributions on a  
 3 dollar-for-dollar basis. Contributions made to a state  
 4 university and pledged for the purposes of this section are  
 5 eligible for state matching funds appropriated for this  
 6 program and are not eligible for any other state matching  
 7 grant program. Pledged contributions are not eligible for  
 8 matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds.  
 9 The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a  
 10 proportionate allocation of the total appropriated funds for  
 11 each state university on the basis of full-time equivalent  
 12 enrollment. Funds that remain unmatched as of December 1 shall  
 13 be reallocated to state universities that have remaining  
 14 unmatched private contributions for the program on the basis  
 15 of full-time equivalent enrollment.

16 (3) Payment of the state matching grant shall be  
 17 transmitted to the president of each participating institution  
 18 or his or her representative in advance of the official  
 19 drop-add deadline as defined by the institution.

20 (4) Each participating state university shall  
 21 establish an application process, determine student  
 22 eligibility for initial and renewal awards in conformance with  
 23 subsection (5), identify the amount awarded to each recipient,  
 24 and notify recipients of the amount of their awards.

25 (5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant  
 26 pursuant to this section, an applicant must:

27 (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s.  
 28 1009.21.

29 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the  
 30 purposes of this section, a student is considered "first  
 31 generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in

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1 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate  
 2 level or higher or, in the case of any individual who  
 3 regularly resided with and received support from only one  
 4 parent, if that parent did not earn a baccalaureate degree.

5 (c) Be accepted at a state university.

6 (d) Be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours per  
 7 term as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.

8 (e) Have demonstrated financial need by completing the  
 9 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

10 (f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as  
 11 established by the institution.

12 (6) The award amount shall be based on the student's  
 13 need assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including,  
 14 but not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Bright Futures  
 15 Scholarship, has been applied. An award may not exceed the  
 16 institution's estimated annual cost of attendance for the  
 17 student to attend the institution.

18 (7) Each participating institution shall report to the  
 19 Office of Student Financial Assistance by the date established  
 20 by the office the eligible students to whom grant moneys are  
 21 disbursed each academic term. Each institution shall certify  
 22 to the Office of Student Financial Assistance the amount of  
 23 funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the office  
 24 any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each year.

25 (8) No later than July 1, each participating  
 26 institution shall annually report to the Executive Office of  
 27 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the  
 28 House of Representatives, and the Board of Governors, the  
 29 eligibility requirements for recipients, the aggregate  
 30 demographics of recipients, the retention and graduation rates  
 31 of recipients, and a delineation of funds awarded to

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1 recipients.

2 (9) This section shall be implemented only as  
3 specifically funded.

4 Section 2. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the  
5 recurring sum of \$6.5 million from the General Revenue Fund is  
6 appropriated to the Department of Education for the First  
7 Generation Matching Grant Program pursuant to this act.

8 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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12 And the title is amended as follows:

13 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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15 and insert:

16 A bill to be entitled  
17 An act relating to student financial  
18 assistance; creating s. 1009.701, F.S.;  
19 creating the First Generation Matching Grant  
20 Program to provide financial aid to  
21 undergraduate students of a state university  
22 who have a financial need and whose parents  
23 have not earned a baccalaureate degree;  
24 providing for the appropriation, allocation,  
25 and distribution of funds; providing student  
26 eligibility requirements; providing duties of  
27 institutions participating in the program;  
28 providing an appropriation; providing an  
29 effective date.

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