By the Committees on Education Appropriations; Education; and Senators Lawson, Bullard, Lynn, Miller, Wilson and Dawson

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to student financial
3	assistance; creating s. 1009.701, F.S.;
4	creating the First Generation Matching Grant
5	Program to provide financial aid to
6	undergraduate students of a state university
7	who have a financial need and whose parents
8	have not earned a baccalaureate degree;
9	providing for the appropriation, allocation,
10	and distribution of funds; providing student
11	eligibility requirements; providing duties of
12	institutions participating in the program;
13	providing an appropriation; creating s.
14	1009.892, F.S.; requiring postsecondary
15	institutions to include certain testing costs
16	in the costs of attendance; providing an
17	effective date.
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. Section 1009.701, Florida Statutes, is
22	created to read:
23	1009.701 First Generation Matching Grant Program
24	(1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program is
25	created to enable each state university to provide donors with
26	a matching grant incentive for contributions that will create
27	grant-based student financial aid for undergraduate students
28	who demonstrate financial need and whose parents, as defined
29	in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned a baccalaureate degree. In
30	the case of any individual who regularly resided with and
31	received support from only one parent an individual whose

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1	only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate degree would
2	also be eliqible.
3	(2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the
4	program shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial
5	Assistance to match private contributions on a
6	dollar-for-dollar basis. Contributions made to a state
7	university and pledged for the purposes of this section are
8	eligible for state matching funds appropriated for this
9	program and are not eligible for any other state matching
10	grant program. Pledged contributions are not eligible for
11	matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds.
12	The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a
13	proportionate allocation of the total appropriated funds for
14	each state university on the basis of full-time equivalent
15	enrollment. Funds that remain unmatched as of December 1 shall
16	be reallocated to state universities that have remaining
17	unmatched private contributions for the program on the basis
18	of full-time equivalent enrollment.
19	(3) Payment of the state matching grant shall be
20	transmitted to the president of each participating institution
21	or his or her representative in advance of the official
22	drop-add deadline as defined by the institution.
23	(4) Each participating state university shall
24	establish an application process, determine student
25	eligibility for initial and renewal awards in conformance with
26	subsection (5), identify the amount awarded to each recipient,
27	and notify recipients of the amount of their awards.
28	(5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant
29	pursuant to this section, an applicant must:
30	(a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
31	1009.21.

1	(b) Be a first-generation college student. For the
2	purposes of this section, a student is considered "first
3	generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in
4	s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate
5	level or higher or, in the case of any individual who
6	regularly resided with and received support from only one
7	parent, if that parent did not earn a baccalaureate degree.
8	(c) Be accepted at a state university.
9	(d) Be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours per
10	term as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.
11	(e) Have demonstrated financial need by completing the
12	Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
13	(f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as
14	established by the institution.
15	(6) The award amount shall be based on the student's
16	need assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including,
17	but not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Bright Futures
18	Scholarship, has been applied. An award may not exceed the
19	institution's estimated annual cost of attendance for the
20	student to attend the institution.
21	(7) Each participating institution shall report to the
22	Office of Student Financial Assistance by the date established
23	by the office the eliqible students to whom grant moneys are
24	disbursed each academic term. Each institution shall certify
25	to the Office of Student Financial Assistance the amount of
26	funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the office
27	any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each year.
28	(8) No later than July 1, each participating
29	institution shall annually report to the Executive Office of
30	the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the

31 House of Representatives, and the Board of Governors, the

1	eligibility requirements for recipients, the aggregate
2	demographics of recipients, the retention and graduation rates
3	of recipients, and a delineation of funds awarded to
4	recipients.
5	(9) This section shall be implemented only as
6	specifically funded.
7	Section 2. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the
8	recurring sum of \$6.5 million from the General Revenue Fund is
9	appropriated to the Department of Education for the First
10	Generation Matching Grant Program pursuant to this act.
11	Section 3. Section 1009.892, Florida Statutes, is
12	created to read:
13	1009.892 Cost of attendance; adult norm-referenced
14	testing
15	(1) A public or private postsecondary institution
16	shall include in its cost of attendance adult norm-referenced
17	testing that it requires for eligible students to qualify for
18	accommodations for disabilities.
19	(2) To be eliqible, a student must be a legal resident
20	of this state, as defined in s. 1009.21; must be enrolled in
21	at least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per term in a
22	degree, certificate, or diploma program; and must have
23	documented learning disabilities under the Individuals with
24	Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 or the
25	Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.
26	Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
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5 system are eligible for the First Generation Matching Grant funds. It provides for a recurring appropriation of \$6.5 million from the General Revenue Fund to be used for the program. It also requires that private and public postsecondary institutions include adult norm-referenced testing utilized to determine student eligibility for	provides that only institutions within the state university
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	testing utilized to determine student eligibility for accommodations for disabilities in their cost of attendance.
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