

Bill No. SB 504

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The Committee on Education Appropriations (Wise) recommended
the following **substitute for amendment** (692222):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 2, line 4, through
page 3, line 15, delete those lines

and insert: Provide Postsecondary Psycho-Educational Testing
to Students with Disabilities.--

(1) There is created the Florida Reimbursement Grant
Program to Provide Postsecondary Psycho-Educational Testing
for Students with Disabilities. The State Board of Education
shall adopt rules for administering the program, and the
department shall administer the program. It is the intent of
the Legislature that this program provide to eligible students
with disabilities reimbursement for postsecondary
psycho-educational testing conducted by postsecondary
institutions, or conducted by private providers under contract
with postsecondary institutions, to assist in providing the
appropriate accommodations and services for students who have
specified learning and cognitive disabilities.

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1 (2)(a) A grant may be made under this section only to
2 an eligible student with disabilities who:

3 1. Is enrolled in a degree, certificate, or diploma
4 program;

5 2. Is enrolled in at least 6 semester hours per term,
6 or the equivalent thereof, at a state university, community
7 college, or private postsecondary institution in this state
8 which requires documentation for accommodations for
9 disabilities;

10 3. Meets the general requirements for student
11 eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise
12 provided in this section; and

13 4. Has a disability or disabilities as documented
14 under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

15 (b) The grants shall be awarded annually for the cost
16 of psycho-educational testing required by participating
17 institutions, and the postsecondary institution shall
18 determine the cost in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.

19 (c) Any required psycho-educational testing for
20 students with disabilities must be considered a part of the
21 student's cost of attendance. An eligible student with a
22 disability who applies for a Florida Reimbursement Grant to
23 Provide Postsecondary Psycho-Educational Testing for Students
24 with Disabilities must also apply for the Pell Grant. A
25 student's entitlement to a Pell Grant must be considered in
26 determining need when conducting an assessment of the
27 financial resources available to the student. The
28 participating institution shall defer the cost of required
29 psycho-educational testing for eligible students.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 1, lines 6-13, delete those lines

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5 and insert:

6 Psycho-Educational Testing to Students with
7 Disabilities; providing for rulemaking by the
8 State Board of Education; providing that the
9 Department of Education shall administer the
10 program; providing legislative intent;
11 providing eligibility requirements; prescribing
12 a limit on testing costs; providing that the
13 cost of psycho-educational testing is part of
14 the

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