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Senator Lawson moved 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:

<A NAME="PageLine19"> 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 program shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial

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

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

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

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

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

28 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the  
29 purposes of this section, a student is considered "first  
30 generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in  
31 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate

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

4 (c) Be accepted at a state university.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7           Section 3. Section 1009.892, Florida Statutes, is  
8 created to read:

9           1009.892 Cost of attendance; adult norm-referenced  
10 testing.--

11           (1) A public or private postsecondary institution  
12 shall include in its cost of attendance adult norm-referenced  
13 testing that it requires for eligible students to qualify for  
14 accommodations for disabilities.

15           (2) To be eligible, a student must be a legal resident  
16 of this state, as defined in s. 1009.21; must be enrolled in  
17 at least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent, per term in a  
18 degree, certificate, or diploma program; and must have  
19 documented learning disabilities under the Individuals with  
20 Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004 or the  
21 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

22           Section 4. Subsection (5) of section 1011.85, Florida  
23 Statutes, is amended to read:

24           1011.85 Dr. Philip Benjamin Matching Grant Program for  
25 Community Colleges.--

26           (5) The matching ratio for donations that are  
27 specifically designated to support scholarships, including  
28 scholarships for first-generation-in-college students, student  
29 loans, or need-based grants shall be \$1 of state funds to \$1  
30 of local private funds.

31           Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3           Delete everything before the enacting clause

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5 and insert:

6                           A bill to be entitled

7           An act relating to student financial

8           assistance; creating s. 1009.701, F.S.;

9           creating the First Generation Matching Grant

10          Program to provide financial aid to

11          undergraduate students of a state university

12          who have a financial need and whose parents

13          have not earned a baccalaureate degree;

14          providing for the appropriation, allocation,

15          and distribution of funds; providing student

16          eligibility requirements; providing duties of

17          institutions participating in the program;

18          providing an appropriation; creating s.

19          1009.892, F.S.; requiring postsecondary

20          institutions to include certain testing costs

21          in the costs of attendance; amending s.

22          1011.85, F.S.; specifying that the matching

23          ratio for donations for scholarships includes

24          scholarships for students who are the first

25          generation in college; providing an effective

26          date.

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