

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Bright Futures Scholarships; amending  
 3           s. 1009.53, F.S.; authorizing a student to use an award  
 4           from the Bright Futures Scholarship Program for enrollment  
 5           in a summer term; amending s. 1009.532, F.S.; authorizing  
 6           the Department of Education to reserve a student's award  
 7           if it is possible for the student to raise his or her  
 8           grade point average during the summer term; providing an  
 9           effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 1009.53, Florida  
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15           1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.--

16           (9) A student may use an award for enrollment in a summer  
 17 term ~~enrollment if funds are available.~~

18           Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
 19 1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

20           1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
 21 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.--

22           (1) To be eligible to renew a scholarship from any of the  
 23 three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures  
 24 Scholarship Program, a student must:

25           (b) Maintain the cumulative grade point average required  
 26 by the scholarship program, except that:

27           1. If a recipient's grades fall beneath the average  
 28 required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are

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29 sufficient to renew a Florida Medallion Scholarship or a Florida  
30 Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship, the Department of Education  
31 may grant a renewal from one of those other scholarship  
32 programs, if the student meets the renewal eligibility  
33 requirements;

34 2. If, at any time during the eligibility period, a  
35 student's grades are insufficient to renew the scholarship, the  
36 student may restore eligibility by improving the grade point  
37 average to the required level. A student is eligible for such a  
38 restoration one time. The Legislature encourages education  
39 institutions to assist students to calculate whether or not it  
40 is possible to raise the grade point average during the summer  
41 term. If the institution determines that it is possible, the  
42 education institution may so inform the department, which may  
43 reserve the student's award ~~if funds are available~~. The renewal,  
44 however, must not be granted until the student achieves the  
45 required cumulative grade point average. If the summer term is  
46 not sufficient to raise the grade point average to the required  
47 renewal level, the student's next opportunity for renewal is the  
48 fall semester of the following academic year; or

49 3. If a student is receiving a Florida Bright Futures  
50 Scholarship, is a servicemember of the Florida National Guard or  
51 United States Reserves while attending a postsecondary  
52 institution, is called to active duty or state active duty, as  
53 defined in s. 250.01, prior to completing his or her degree, and  
54 meets all other requirements for the scholarship, the student  
55 shall be eligible to continue the scholarship for 2 years after  
56 completing active duty or state active duty.

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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.