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By the Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Deutch

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to First Generation Matching
3	Grant Programs; amending s. 1009.701, F.S.,
4	relating to the First Generation Matching Grant
5	Program for state universities; clarifying
б	provisions relating to eligibility for receipt
7	of a grant; revising provisions relating to
8	allocation and reallocation of funds;
9	authorizing the award of grants for summer-term
10	enrollment if funds are available; providing
11	duties and reporting requirements of
12	institutions participating in the program;
13	providing for the use of balance of funds;
14	creating ss. 1009.702 and 1009.703, F.S.;
15	creating the First Generation Matching Grant
16	Program for community colleges and the First
17	Generation Matching Grant Program for colleges
18	and universities eligible to participate in the
19	William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access
20	Grant Program; providing for financial aid to
21	eligible undergraduate students who demonstrate
22	financial need and whose parents have not
23	earned a baccalaureate or higher degree;
24	providing for the appropriation, allocation,
25	and distribution of funds; providing
26	eligibility criteria; providing an effective
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29	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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1 Section 1. Section 1009.701, Florida Statutes, is 2 amended to read: 3 1009.701 First Generation Matching Grant Program for 4 state universities .--5 (1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program for б state universities is created to enable each state university 7 to provide donors with a matching grant incentive for 8 contributions that will create grant-based student financial aid for undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need 9 and whose parents, as defined in s. 1009.21(1), have not 10 earned a baccalaureate or higher degree. In the case of any 11 12 individual who regularly resided with and received support 13 from only one parent, an individual whose only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate or higher degree would also be 14 15 eligible. (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the 16 17 program shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial 18 Assistance to match private contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis. Contributions made to a state 19 university and pledged for the purposes of this section are 20 21 eligible for state matching funds appropriated for this 22 program and are not eligible for any other state matching 23 grant program. Pledged contributions are not eligible for matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds. 2.4 The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a 25 26 proportionate allocation of the total appropriated funds for 27 each state university on the basis of full-time equivalent 2.8 resident undergraduate enrollment. For the 2007-2008 fiscal 29 year, funds that remain unmatched as of December 1 shall be reallocated to state universities that have remaining 30 unmatched private contributions for the program on the basis 31

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1 of full-time equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment. 2 Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of August 1 shall be reallocated to state 3 4 universities that have remaining unmatched private 5 contributions for the program on the basis of full-time 6 equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment. 7 (3) Payment of the state matching grant shall be 8 transmitted to the president of each participating institution or his or her representative in advance of the official 9 drop-add deadline as defined by the institution. 10 (4) Each participating state university shall 11 12 establish an application process, determine student 13 eligibility for initial and renewal awards in conformance with subsection (5), identify the amount awarded to each recipient, 14 and notify recipients of the amount of their awards. A 15 16 university may award grants for summer-term enrollment if funds are available. Grants for summer-term enrollment may be 17 18 used only at the institution awarding the grant. For the purpose of this subsection, "summer-term enrollment" means 19 enrollment in the term at the end of the academic year which 20 21 is the period of time from one fall term to the next in which a full-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of 22 23 two semesters, two trimesters, or three quarters. (5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant 2.4 25 pursuant to this section, an applicant must: (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 26 27 1009.21. 2.8 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the purposes of this section, a student is considered "first 29 generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in 30 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate 31 3

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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 or higher 4 degree. 5 (c) Be accepted at a state university. б (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 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. 9 10 (f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as established by the institution. 11 12 (6) The award amount shall be based on the student's 13 need assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including, 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 17 student to attend the institution. (7) The eligibility status of each student to receive 18 a disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of 19 the end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a 20 21 drop-add period. An institution shall not be required to reevaluate a student's eligibility status after this date for 2.2 23 purposes of changing eligibility determinations previously made. Participating institutions shall verify the continued 2.4 eligibility of awarded students, provide for the disbursement 25 of funds to students, and comply with the department's 26 27 reporting requirements. Institutions shall certify to the 2.8 department, each academic term within 30 days after the end of the regular registration period, the student's enrollment, 29 continued eligibility, and the award amount. Any balance at 30 the end of a fiscal year that has been disbursed to an 31

1 institution for this program shall remain at the institution 2 and shall be available only to provide grants for returning 3 and new awardees. Each participating institution shall report 4 to the Office of Student Financial Assistance by the date established by the office the eligible students to whom grant 5 б moneys are disbursed each academic term. Each institution 7 shall certify to the Office of Student Financial Assistance 8 the amount of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit 9 to the office any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each year. 10 (8) No later than November 15 July 1, each participating institution shall annually report to the 11 12 Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate, 13 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Board of Governors the eligibility requirements for recipients, the 14 aggregate demographics of recipients, the retention and 15 graduation rates of recipients, and a delineation of funds 16 17 awarded to recipients in the prior academic year. 18 (9) This section shall be implemented only as specifically funded. 19 Section 2. Section 1009.702, Florida Statutes, is 20 21 created to read: 22 1009.702 First Generation Matching Grant Program for 23 community colleges. --(1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program for 2.4 community colleges is created to enable each community 25 college, as defined in s. 1000.21, to provide donors with a 26 27 matching grant incentive for contributions that will create 2.8 grant-based student financial aid for undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need and whose parents, as defined 29 in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned a baccalaureate or higher 30 degree. In the case of any individual who regularly resided 31

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1	with and received support from only one parent, an individual
2	whose only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate or
3	<u>higher degree would also be eligible.</u>
4	(2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the
5	program shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial
6	Assistance to match private contributions on a
7	dollar-for-dollar basis. Contributions made to a community
8	college and pledged for the purposes of this section are
9	eligible for state matching funds appropriated for this
10	program and are not eligible for any other state matching
11	grant program. Pledged contributions are not eligible for
12	matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds.
13	The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a
14	proportionate allocation of the total appropriated funds for
15	each community college on the basis of full-time equivalent
16	resident enrollment in advanced and professional programs. For
17	the 2007-2008 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of
18	December 1 shall be reallocated to community colleges that
19	have remaining unmatched private contributions for the program
20	on the basis of full-time equivalent resident enrollment in
21	advanced and professional programs. Beginning with the
22	2008-2009 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of
23	August 1 shall be reallocated to community colleges that have
24	remaining unmatched private contributions for the program on
25	the basis of full-time equivalent resident enrollment in
26	advanced and professional programs.
27	(3) Payment of the state matching grant shall be
28	transmitted to the president of each participating institution
29	<u>or his or her representative in advance of the official</u>
30	drop-add deadline as defined by the institution.
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1	(4) Each participating community college shall
2	establish an application process, determine student
3	eligibility for initial and renewal awards in conformance with
4	subsection (5), identify the amount awarded to each recipient,
5	and notify recipients of the amount of their awards. A
6	community college may award grants for summer-term enrollment
7	if funds are available. Grants for summer-term enrollment may
8	be used only at the institution awarding the grant. For the
9	purpose of this subsection, "summer-term enrollment" means
10	enrollment in the term at the end of the academic year which
11	is the period of time from one fall term to the next in which
12	a full-time student is expected to complete the equivalent of
13	two semesters, two trimesters, or three quarters.
14	(5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant
15	pursuant to this section, an applicant must:
16	(a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
17	1009.21.
18	(b) Be a first-generation college student. For the
19	purposes of this section, a student is considered "first
20	generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in
21	s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate
22	level or higher or, in the case of any individual who
23	regularly resided with and received support from only one
24	parent, if that parent did not earn a baccalaureate or higher
25	degree.
26	(c) Be accepted at a community college as defined in
27	<u>s. 1000.21.</u>
28	(d) Be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours per
29	term as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.
30	(e) Have demonstrated financial need by completing the
31	Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
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1	(f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as
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	established by the institution.
3	(6) The award amount shall be based on the student's
4	<u>need assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including,</u>
5	<u>but not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Florida Bright Futures</u>
б	Scholarship, has been applied. An award may not exceed the
7	institution's estimated annual cost of attendance for the
8	student to attend the institution.
9	(7) The eligibility status of each student to receive
10	a disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of
11	the end of its reqular registration period, inclusive of a
12	drop-add period. An institution shall not be required to
13	reevaluate a student's eligibility status after this date for
14	purposes of changing eligibility determinations previously
15	made. Participating institutions shall verify the continued
16	eligibility of awarded students, provide for the disbursement
17	of funds to students, and comply with the department's
18	reporting requirements. Institutions shall certify to the
19	department, each academic term within 30 days after the end of
20	the regular registration period, the student's enrollment,
21	continued eligibility, and the award amount. Any balance at
22	the end of a fiscal year that has been disbursed to an
23	institution for this program shall remain at the institution
24	and shall be available only to provide grants for returning
25	and new awardees.
26	(8) No later than November 15, each participating
27	institution shall annually report to the Executive Office of
28	the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
29	House of Representatives, and the State Board of Education the
30	eligibility requirements for recipients, the aggregate
31	demographics of recipients, the retention and graduation rates
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1 of recipients, and a delineation of funds awarded to 2 recipients in the prior academic year. (9) This section shall be implemented only as 3 specifically funded. 4 5 Section 3. Section 1009.703, Florida Statutes, is 6 created to read: 7 1009.703 First Generation Matching Grant Program for 8 colleges and universities eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program .--9 10 (1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program for colleges and universities eligible to participate in the 11 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program is 12 13 created to enable each private nonprofit college or university eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida 14 Resident Access Grant Program to provide donors with a 15 matching grant incentive for contributions that will create 16 17 grant-based student financial aid for undergraduate students 18 who demonstrate financial need and whose parents, as defined in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned a baccalaureate or higher 19 degree. In the case of any individual who regularly resided 2.0 21 with and received support from only one parent, an individual 2.2 whose only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate or 23 higher degree would also be eligible. (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the 2.4 program shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial 25 Assistance to match private contributions on a 26 27 dollar-for-dollar basis. Contributions made to a qualified 2.8 college or university and pledged for the purposes of this section are eligible for state matching funds appropriated for 29 this program and are not eligible for any other state matching 30 grant program. Pledged contributions are not eligible for 31

1	matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds.
2	The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a
3	proportionate allocation of the total appropriated funds for
4	each qualified college or university on the basis of full-time
5	equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment. For the
6	2007-2008 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of
7	December 1 shall be reallocated to participating colleges and
8	universities that have remaining unmatched private
9	contributions for the program on the basis of full-time
10	equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment. Beginning with
11	the 2008-2009 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of
12	August 1 shall be reallocated to participating colleges and
13	universities that have remaining unmatched private
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26	summer-term enrollment if funds are available. Grants for
27	summer-term enrollment may be used only at the institution
28	awarding the grant. For the purpose of this subsection,
29	"summer-term enrollment" means enrollment in the term at the
30	end of the academic year which is the period of time from one
31	fall term to the next in which a full-time student is expected
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1 to complete the equivalent of two semesters, two trimesters, 2 or three quarters. (5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant 3 4 pursuant to this section, an applicant must: 5 (a) Meet the general requirements for student б eligibility for state financial aid, including residency, as 7 provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this 8 section. 9 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the 10 purposes of this section, a student is considered "first generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in 11 12 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate 13 level or higher or, in the case of any individual who regularly resided with and received support from only one 14 parent, if that parent did not earn a baccalaureate or higher 15 16 degree. 17 (c) Be accepted at a private nonprofit college or 18 university eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program. 19 (d) Be enrolled for a minimum of six credit hours per 20 21 term as a degree-seeking undergraduate student. 22 (e) Have demonstrated financial need by completing the 23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid. (f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as 2.4 established by the institution. 25 (6) The award amount shall be based on the student's 26 27 need assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including, 2.8 but not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, has been applied. An award may not exceed the 29 institution's estimated annual cost of attendance for the 30 student to attend the institution. 31

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18	(8) No later than November 15, each participating
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21	House of Representatives, and the State Board of Education the
22	eligibility requirements for recipients, the aggregate
23	demographics of recipients, the retention and graduation rates
24	of recipients, and a delineation of funds awarded to
25	recipients in the prior academic year.
26	(9) This section shall be implemented only as
27	specifically funded.
28	Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
29	law.
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CS for SB 2140

1	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
2	<u>Senate Bill 2140</u>
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4	The committee substitute revises the First Generation Matching Grant Program to clarify that the program is for state
funds, and remove the requirement that undisburse	universities, revise dates for reporting and reallocation of funds, and remove the requirement that undisbursed funds must be remitted to the Department of Education.
6 7	The bill creates first-generation-in-college programs for
, 8	public community colleges and private postsecondary institutions that are eligible for the William L. Boyd, IV,
9	Florida Resident Access Grant Program.
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