

By Senator Lynn

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

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

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

17           1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.--

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

20           Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
21 1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

22           1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
23 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.--

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

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

29           1. If a recipient's grades fall beneath the average  
30 required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are  
31 sufficient to renew a Florida Medallion Scholarship or a

1 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship, the Department of  
2 Education may grant a renewal from one of those other  
3 scholarship programs, if the student meets the renewal  
4 eligibility requirements;

5         2. If, at any time during the eligibility period, a  
6 student's grades are insufficient to renew the scholarship,  
7 the student may restore eligibility by improving the grade  
8 point average to the required level. A student is eligible for  
9 such a restoration one time. The Legislature encourages  
10 education institutions to assist students to calculate whether  
11 or not it is possible to raise the grade point average during  
12 the summer term. If the institution determines that it is  
13 possible, the education institution may so inform the  
14 department, which may reserve the student's award ~~if funds are~~  
15 ~~available~~. The renewal, however, must not be granted until the  
16 student achieves the required cumulative grade point average.  
17 If the summer term is not sufficient to raise the grade point  
18 average to the required renewal level, the student's next  
19 opportunity for renewal is the fall semester of the following  
20 academic year; or

21         3. If a student is receiving a Florida Bright Futures  
22 Scholarship, is a servicemember of the Florida National Guard  
23 or United States Reserves while attending a postsecondary  
24 institution, is called to active duty or state active duty, as  
25 defined in s. 250.01, prior to completing his or her degree,  
26 and meets all other requirements for the scholarship, the  
27 student shall be eligible to continue the scholarship for 2  
28 years after completing active duty or state active duty.

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

Authorizes a student to use an award from the Bright Futures Scholarship Program for enrollment in a summer term. Authorizes the Department of Education to reserve a student's award if it is possible for the student to raise his or her grade point average during the summer term.