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The Committee on Higher Education (Ring) recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Section 1009.701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.701 First Generation Matching Grant Program for state universities.--

(1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program for state universities 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 or higher 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 or higher degree would also be

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1 eligible.

2 (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the
3 program shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial
4 Assistance to match private contributions on a
5 dollar-for-dollar basis. Contributions made to a state
6 university and pledged for the purposes of this section are
7 eligible for state matching funds appropriated for this
8 program and are not eligible for any other state matching
9 grant program. Pledged contributions are not eligible for
10 matching prior to the actual collection of the total funds.
11 The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a
12 proportionate allocation of the total appropriated funds for
13 each state university on the basis of full-time equivalent
14 resident undergraduate enrollment. For the 2007-2008 fiscal
15 year, funds that remain unmatched as of December 1 shall be
16 reallocated to state universities that have remaining
17 unmatched private contributions for the program on the basis
18 of full-time equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment.
19 Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year, funds that remain
20 unmatched as of August 1 shall be reallocated to state
21 universities that have remaining unmatched private
22 contributions for the program on the basis of full-time
23 equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment.

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

28 (4) Each participating state university shall
29 establish an application process, determine student
30 eligibility for initial and renewal awards in conformance with
31 subsection (5), identify the amount awarded to each recipient,

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1 and notify recipients of the amount of their awards. A
 2 university may award grants for summer-term enrollment if
 3 funds are available. Grants for summer-term enrollment may be
 4 used only at the institution awarding the grant. For the
 5 purpose of this subsection, the term "summer-term enrollment"
 6 means enrollment in the term at the end of the academic year
 7 which is the period of time from one fall term to the next in
 8 which a full-time student is expected to complete the
 9 equivalent of two semesters, two trimesters, or three
 10 quarters.

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

13 (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
 14 1009.21.

15 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the
 16 purposes of this section, a student is considered "first
 17 generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in
 18 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate
 19 level or higher or, in the case of any individual who
 20 regularly resided with and received support from only one
 21 parent, if that parent did not earn a baccalaureate or higher
 22 degree.

23 (c) Be accepted at a state university.

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

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

28 (f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as
 29 established by the institution.

30 (6) The award amount shall be based on the student's
 31 need assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including,

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1 but not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Bright Futures
2 Scholarship, has been applied. An award may not exceed the
3 institution's estimated annual cost of attendance for the
4 student to attend the institution.

5 (7) The eligibility status of each student to receive
6 a disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of
7 the end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a
8 drop-add period. An institution is not required to reevaluate
9 a student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of
10 changing eligibility determinations previously made.
11 Participating institutions shall verify the continued
12 eligibility of awarded students, provide for the disbursement
13 of funds to students, and comply with the department's
14 reporting requirements. Institutions shall certify to the
15 department, each academic term within 30 days after the end of
16 the regular registration period, the student's enrollment,
17 continued eligibility, and the award amount. Any balance at
18 the end of a fiscal year that has been disbursed to an
19 institution for this program must remain at the institution
20 and be available only to provide grants for returning and new
21 awardees. Each participating institution shall report to the
22 Office of Student Financial Assistance by the date established
23 by the office the eligible students to whom grant moneys are
24 disbursed each academic term. Each institution shall certify
25 to the Office of Student Financial Assistance the amount of
26 funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the office
27 any undisbursed advances by June 1 of each year.

28 (8) No later than November 15 ~~July 1~~, each
29 participating institution shall annually report to the
30 Executive Office of the Governor, the President of the Senate,
31 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Board of

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1 | Governors the eligibility requirements for recipients, the
 2 | aggregate demographics of recipients, the retention and
 3 | graduation rates of recipients, and a delineation of funds
 4 | awarded to recipients in the prior academic year.

5 | (9) This section shall be implemented only as
 6 | specifically funded.

7 | Section 2. Section 1009.702, Florida Statutes, is
 8 | created to read:

9 | 1009.702 First Generation Matching Grant Program for
 10 | community colleges.--

11 | (1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program for
 12 | community colleges is created to enable each community
 13 | college, as defined in s. 1000.21, to provide donors with a
 14 | matching grant incentive for contributions that will create
 15 | grant-based student financial aid for undergraduate students
 16 | who demonstrate financial need and whose parents, as defined
 17 | in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned a baccalaureate or higher
 18 | degree. In the case of any individual who regularly resided
 19 | with and received support from only one parent, an individual
 20 | whose only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate or
 21 | higher degree would also be eligible.

22 | (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the
 23 | program shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial
 24 | Assistance to match private contributions on a
 25 | dollar-for-dollar basis. Contributions made to a community
 26 | college and pledged for the purposes of this section are
 27 | eligible for state matching funds appropriated for this
 28 | program and are not eligible for any other state matching
 29 | grant program. Pledged contributions are not eligible for
 30 | matching before the actual collection of the total funds. The
 31 | Office of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a

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1 proportionate allocation of the total appropriated funds for
2 each community college on the basis of full-time equivalent
3 resident enrollment in advanced and professional programs. For
4 the 2007-2008 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of
5 December 1 shall be reallocated to community colleges that
6 have remaining unmatched private contributions for the program
7 on the basis of full-time equivalent resident enrollment in
8 advanced and professional programs. Beginning with the
9 2008-2009 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of
10 August 1 shall be reallocated to community colleges that have
11 remaining unmatched private contributions for the program on
12 the basis of full-time equivalent resident enrollment in
13 advanced and professional programs.

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

18 (4) Each participating community college must
19 establish an application process, determine student
20 eligibility for initial and renewal awards in conformance with
21 subsection (5), identify the amount awarded to each recipient,
22 and notify recipients of the amount of their awards. A
23 community college may award grants for summer-term enrollment
24 if funds are available. Grants for summer-term enrollment may
25 be used only at the institution awarding the grant. For the
26 purpose of this subsection, the term "summer-term enrollment"
27 means enrollment in the term at the end of the academic year
28 which is the period of time from one fall term to the next in
29 which a full-time student is expected to complete the
30 equivalent of two semesters, two trimesters, or three
31 quarters.

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

3 (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
4 1009.21.

5 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the
6 purposes of this section, a student is considered "first
7 generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in
8 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate
9 level or higher or, in the case of any individual who
10 regularly resided with and received support from only one
11 parent, if that parent did not earn a baccalaureate or higher
12 degree.

13 (c) Be accepted at a community college as defined in
14 s. 1000.21.

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

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

19 (f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as
20 established by the institution.

21 (6) The award amount shall be based on the student's
22 need assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including,
23 but not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Florida Bright Futures
24 Scholarship, has been applied. An award may not exceed the
25 institution's estimated annual cost of attendance for the
26 student to attend the institution.

27 (7) The eligibility status of each student to receive
28 a disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of
29 the end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a
30 drop-add period. An institution is not required to reevaluate
31 a student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of

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1 changing eligibility determinations previously made.
2 Participating institutions shall verify the continued
3 eligibility of awarded students, provide for the disbursement
4 of funds to students, and comply with the department's
5 reporting requirements. Institutions shall certify to the
6 department, each academic term within 30 days after the end of
7 the regular registration period, the student's enrollment,
8 continued eligibility, and the award amount. Any balance at
9 the end of a fiscal year that has been disbursed to an
10 institution for this program shall remain at the institution
11 and shall be available only to provide grants for returning
12 and new awardees.

13 (8) No later than November 15, each participating
14 institution shall annually report to the Executive Office of
15 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
16 House of Representatives, and the State Board of Education the
17 eligibility requirements for recipients, the aggregate
18 demographics of recipients, the retention and graduation rates
19 of recipients, and a delineation of funds awarded to
20 recipients in the prior academic year.

21 (9) This section shall be implemented only as
22 specifically funded.

23 Section 3. Section 1009.703, Florida Statutes, is
24 created to read:

25 1009.703 First Generation Matching Grant Program for
26 colleges and universities eligible to participate in the
27 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program.--

28 (1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program for
29 colleges and universities eligible to participate in the
30 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program is
31 created to enable each private nonprofit college or university

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1 eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida
2 Resident Access Grant Program to provide donors with a
3 matching grant incentive for contributions that will create
4 grant-based student financial aid for undergraduate students
5 who demonstrate financial need and whose parents, as defined
6 in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned a baccalaureate or higher
7 degree. In the case of any individual who regularly resided
8 with and received support from only one parent, an individual
9 whose only such parent did not complete a baccalaureate or
10 higher degree would also be eligible.

11 (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the
12 program shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial
13 Assistance to match private contributions on a
14 dollar-for-dollar basis. Contributions made to a qualified
15 college or university and pledged for the purposes of this
16 section are eligible for state matching funds appropriated for
17 this program and are not eligible for any other state matching
18 grant program. Pledged contributions are not eligible for
19 matching before the actual collection of the total funds. The
20 Office of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a
21 proportionate allocation of the total appropriated funds for
22 each qualified college or university on the basis of full-time
23 equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment. For the
24 2007-2008 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of
25 December 1 shall be reallocated to participating colleges and
26 universities that have remaining unmatched private
27 contributions for the program on the basis of full-time
28 equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment. Beginning with
29 the 2008-2009 fiscal year, funds that remain unmatched as of
30 August 1 shall be reallocated to participating colleges and
31 universities that have remaining unmatched private

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1 contributions for the program on the basis of full-time
2 equivalent resident undergraduate enrollment.

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

7 (4) Each participating college or university shall
8 establish an application process, determine student
9 eligibility for initial and renewal awards in conformance with
10 subsection (5), identify the amount awarded to each recipient,
11 and notify recipients of the amount of their awards. A
12 participating college or university may award grants for
13 summer-term enrollment if funds are available. Grants for
14 summer-term enrollment may be used only at the institution
15 awarding the grant. For the purpose of this subsection, the
16 term "summer-term enrollment" means enrollment in the term at
17 the end of the academic year which is the period of time from
18 one fall term to the next in which a full-time student is
19 expected to complete the equivalent of two semesters, two
20 trimesters, or three quarters.

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

23 (a) Meet the general requirements for student
24 eligibility for state financial aid, including residency, as
25 provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this
26 section.

27 (b) Be a first-generation college student. For the
28 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 level or higher or, in the case of any individual who

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1 regularly resided with and received support from only one
2 parent, if that parent did not earn a baccalaureate or higher
3 degree.

4 (c) Be accepted at a private nonprofit college or
5 university eligible to participate in the William L. Boyd, IV,
6 Florida Resident Access Grant Program.

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

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

11 (f) Meet additional eligibility requirements as
12 established by the institution.

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

19 (7) The eligibility status of each student to receive
20 a disbursement shall be determined by each institution as of
21 the end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a
22 drop-add period. An institution is not required to reevaluate
23 a student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of
24 changing eligibility determinations previously made.

25 Participating institutions shall verify the continued
26 eligibility of awarded students, provide for the disbursement
27 of funds to students, and comply with the department's
28 reporting requirements. Institutions shall certify to the
29 department, each academic term within 30 days after the end of
30 the regular registration period, the student's enrollment,
31 continued eligibility, and the award amount. Any balance at

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1 the end of a fiscal year that has been disbursed to an
2 institution for this program shall remain at the institution
3 and shall be available only to provide grants for returning
4 and new awardees.

5 (8) No later than November 15, each participating
6 institution shall annually report to the Executive Office of
7 the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives, and the State Board of Education the
9 eligibility requirements for recipients, the aggregate
10 demographics of recipients, the retention and graduation rates
11 of recipients, and a delineation of funds awarded to
12 recipients in the prior academic year.

13 (9) This section shall be implemented only as
14 specifically funded.

15 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
16 law.

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20 And the title is amended as follows:

21 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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23 and insert:

24 A bill to be entitled
25 An act relating to First Generation Matching
26 Grant Programs; amending s. 1009.701, F.S.,
27 relating to the First Generation Matching Grant
28 Program for state universities; clarifying
29 provisions relating to eligibility for receipt
30 of a grant; revising provisions relating to
31 allocation and reallocation of funds;

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1 authorizing the award of grants for summer-term
2 enrollment if funds are available; providing
3 duties and reporting requirements of
4 institutions participating in the program;
5 providing for the use of balance of funds;
6 creating ss. 1009.702 and 1009.703, F.S.;
7 creating the First Generation Matching Grant
8 Program for community colleges and the First
9 Generation Matching Grant Program for colleges
10 and universities eligible to participate in the
11 William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access
12 Grant Program; providing for financial aid to
13 eligible undergraduate students who demonstrate
14 financial need and whose parents have not
15 earned a baccalaureate or higher degree;
16 providing for the appropriation, allocation,
17 and distribution of funds; providing
18 eligibility criteria; providing an effective
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