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

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (2) and paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 1009.50, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.50 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program; eligibility for grants.--

(2)(a)1. State student assistance grants through the program may be made only to:

a. Degree-seeking students who enroll in at least 6 semester hours, or the equivalent per term, and who meet the general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section.

b. Students enrolled in a public postsecondary career certificate program of 450 or more clock hours who meet the general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.

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1 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section.

2 2. The grants shall be awarded annually for the amount
3 of demonstrated unmet need for the cost of education and may
4 not exceed an amount equal to the average prior academic year
5 cost of tuition fees and other registration fees for 30 credit
6 hours at state universities or such other amount as specified
7 in the General Appropriations Act, to any recipient. A

8 demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 renders ~~shall render~~
9 the applicant ineligible for a state student assistance grant.
10 Recipients of the grants must have been accepted at a state
11 university or community college authorized by Florida law or a
12 career center operated by a district school board under s.

13 1001.44. A student is eligible for the award for 110 percent
14 of the number of credit hours required to complete the program
15 in which enrolled, except as otherwise provided in s.
16 1009.40(3).

17 (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), a student
18 applying for a Florida public student assistance grant is
19 ~~shall be~~ required to apply for the Pell Grant. The Pell Grant
20 entitlement shall be considered when conducting an assessment
21 of the financial resources available to each student.

22 (c) A student under sub-subparagraph (a)1.b. applying
23 for a Florida public student assistance grant is required to
24 apply for the Pell Grant. A Pell Grant entitlement shall be
25 considered when conducting an assessment of the financial
26 resources available to the student; however, a Pell Grant
27 entitlement is not required as a condition of receiving a
28 grant under this section.

29 (d)~~(e)~~ Priority in the distribution of grant moneys
30 shall be given to students with the lowest total family
31 resources, in accordance with a nationally recognized system

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1 of need analysis. Using the system of need analysis, the
 2 department shall establish a maximum expected family
 3 contribution. An institution may not make a grant from this
 4 program to a student whose expected family contribution
 5 exceeds the level established by the department. An
 6 institution may not impose additional criteria to determine a
 7 student's eligibility to receive a grant award.

8 ~~(e)(d)~~ Each participating institution shall report, to
 9 the department by the established date, the eligible students
 10 to whom grant moneys are disbursed each academic term. Each
 11 institution shall also report to the department necessary
 12 demographic and eligibility data for such students.

13 (4)

14 (b) Payment of Florida public student assistance
 15 grants shall be transmitted to the president of the state
 16 university or community college or to the district school
 17 superintendent, or to the designee thereof ~~his or her~~
 18 ~~representative~~, in advance of the registration period.
 19 Institutions shall notify students of the amount of their
 20 awards.

21 Section 2. Section 1009.77, Florida Statutes, is
 22 amended to read:

23 1009.77 Florida Work Experience Program.--

24 (1) There is established the Florida Work Experience
 25 Program to be administered by the Department of Education. The
 26 purpose of the program is to introduce eligible students to
 27 work experience that will complement and reinforce their
 28 educational program and career goals and provide a self-help
 29 student aid program. The ~~Such~~ program shall be available to:

30 (a) Any student attending a state university or
 31 community college authorized by Florida law; ~~or~~

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1 (b) Any student attending a nonprofit Florida
 2 postsecondary education institution that is eligible to
 3 participate in either of the student assistance grant programs
 4 established in ss. 1009.51 and 1009.52;i:-

5 (c) Any postsecondary student attending a career
 6 center operated by a district school board under s. 1001.44;
 7 or

8 (d) Any student attending an educator preparation
 9 institute established under s. 1004.85. The student may
 10 participate in this program despite having previously earned a
 11 baccalaureate degree.

12 (2)(a) A participating institution may use up to 25
 13 percent of its program allocation for student employment
 14 within the institution.

15 (b) A participating institution may use up to 10
 16 percent of its program allocation for program administration.

17 (3) Each participating institution is authorized to
 18 enter into contractual agreements with private or public
 19 employers for the purpose of establishing a Florida work
 20 experience program.

21 (4) The participating postsecondary educational
 22 institution shall be responsible for reimbursing employers for
 23 student wages from moneys it receives from the trust fund
 24 under ~~pursuant to~~ subsection(9) ~~(8)~~. Public elementary or
 25 secondary school employers shall be reimbursed for 100 percent
 26 of the student's wages by the participating institution. All
 27 other employers shall be reimbursed for up to 70 percent of
 28 the student's wages. When a college or university employs a
 29 student on campus through this program, other student
 30 financial aid funds may not be used to fund the institution's
 31 ~~30 percent~~ portion of the student's wages.

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1 (5) The employer is responsible for furnishing the
 2 full cost of any mandatory benefits. Such benefits may not be
 3 considered part of the ~~30-percent~~ wage requirement total for
 4 matching purposes.

5 (6) Each participating postsecondary educational
 6 institution is responsible for furnishing the full cost of all
 7 preemployment requirements, including, but not limited to,
 8 background screenings and tuberculosis testing, which are
 9 necessary for a student to be employed by a public elementary
 10 or secondary school employer. Expenditures under this
 11 subsection shall be paid from the funds received by the
 12 participating postsecondary educational institution from the
 13 trust fund under subsection (9).

14 ~~(7)(6)~~ A student is eligible to participate in the
 15 Florida Work Experience Program if the student:

16 (a) Is enrolled:

17 1. At an eligible college or university as no less
 18 than a half-time undergraduate student in good standing;

19 2. In an eligible postsecondary career education
 20 program as no less than a half-time student in good standing.

21 Eligible programs must be approved by the Department of
 22 Education and must consist of no less than 450 clock hours of
 23 instruction. Such programs must be offered by a career center
 24 operated by a district school board under s. 1001.44 or a
 25 community college; or

26 3. At an educator preparation institute established
 27 under s. 1004.85 as no less than a half-time student in good
 28 standing.

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 30 However, a student may be employed during the break between
 31 two consecutive terms or employed, although not enrolled,

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1 during a term if the student was enrolled at least half time
 2 during the preceding term and preregisters as no less than a
 3 half-time student for the subsequent academic term. A student
 4 who attends an institution that does not provide
 5 preregistration shall provide documentation of intent to
 6 enroll as no less than a half-time student for the subsequent
 7 academic term.

8 (b) Meets the general requirements for student
 9 eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise
 10 provided in this section.

11 (c) Demonstrates financial need.

12 (d) Maintains a 2.0 cumulative grade point average on
 13 a 4.0 scale for all postsecondary ~~college~~ work.

14 ~~(8)(7)~~ The State Board of Education shall adopt
 15 ~~prescribe such~~ rules for the program as ~~are~~ necessary for its
 16 administration, for the determination of eligibility and
 17 selection of institutions to receive funds for students, to
 18 ensure the proper expenditure of funds, and to provide an
 19 equitable distribution of funds between students at public and
 20 independent colleges and universities.

21 ~~(9)(8)~~ Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the
 22 Florida Work Experience Program must ~~shall~~ be deposited in the
 23 State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. The Chief
 24 Financial Officer shall authorize expenditures from the trust
 25 fund upon receipt of vouchers approved by the Department of
 26 Education. Any balance remaining ~~therein~~ at the end of any
 27 fiscal year that has been allocated to the program shall
 28 remain therein and shall be available for carrying out the
 29 purposes of the program.

30 Section 3. For the 2007-2008 fiscal year, the sum of
 31 \$500,000 in recurring funds is appropriated from the General

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1 Revenue Fund to the Florida Work Experience Program to fund
 2 participation by postsecondary career education students
 3 enrolled at a community college or career center operated by a
 4 district school board under s. 1001.44, Florida Statutes, and
 5 by students enrolled in an educator preparation institute
 6 under s. 1004.85, Florida Statutes.

7 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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10 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

11 And the title is amended as follows:

12 Delete everything before the enacting clause

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14 and insert:

15 A bill to be entitled

16 An act relating to public postsecondary
 17 need-based student financial assistance;
 18 amending s. 1009.50, F.S.; providing that the
 19 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program
 20 is available to specified students in
 21 postsecondary career certificate programs;
 22 providing eligibility criteria for career
 23 certificate students; providing for transmittal
 24 of grant payments to the district school
 25 superintendent; amending s. 1009.77, F.S.;
 26 providing that the Florida Work Experience
 27 Program is available to students in specified
 28 career education programs and educator
 29 preparation institutes; lowering the percentage
 30 of student wages that must be reimbursed to
 31 employers; providing that participating

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1 postsecondary educational institutions must pay
2 for specified preemployment expenses for
3 students employed with public schools;
4 prescribing student eligibility requirements;
5 providing an appropriation; providing an
6 effective date.

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