

By Senator Wise

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship
3 Program; amending s. 1009.535, F.S.; revising the academic
4 requirements for eligibility for a Florida Medallion
5 Scholars award for a student who has attended a home
6 education program; providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 1009.535, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.--

13 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars
14 award if the student meets the general eligibility requirements
15 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and the
16 student:

17 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as
18 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high
19 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
20 Education as college-preparatory academic courses~~r~~ and has
21 attained at least the score identified by rules of the State
22 Board of Education on the combined verbal and quantitative parts
23 of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test,
24 or the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
25 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT
26 Assessment Program; or

27 (b) Has attended a home education program according to s.
28 1002.41 at least during grades 11 and 12 and has attained a score
29 of at least 100 points higher than the score identified by rules

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30 of the State Board of Education under paragraph (a) on the
31 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude
32 Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
33 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
34 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program; or has
35 attended a home education program according to s. 1002.41 at
36 least during grades 11 and 12, has documented successful
37 completion of a college-preparatory curriculum as outlined in
38 paragraph (a) through a Florida public school, a private school
39 registered with the Department of Education, or dual enrollment
40 pursuant to s. 1007.271, and has attained at least the score
41 identified by rules of the State Board of Education under
42 paragraph (a) on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of
43 the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or
44 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance
45 Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment
46 Program; or

47 (c) Has completed the International Baccalaureate
48 curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate
49 Diploma or has completed the Advanced International Certificate
50 of Education curriculum but failed to earn the Advanced
51 International Certificate of Education Diploma, and has attained
52 at least the score identified by rules of the State Board of
53 Education on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the
54 Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the
55 recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance
56 Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment
57 Program; or

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58 (d)~~(e)~~ Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
59 program of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
60 scholar or finalist but has not completed a program of community
61 service as provided in s. 1009.534; or

62 (e)~~(d)~~ Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
63 Recognition Program as a scholar, but has not completed a program
64 of community service as provided in s. 1009.534.

65 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.