

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the First Generation Matching Grant
 3 Program; amending s. 1009.701, F.S.; including
 4 participation in the program by certain independent
 5 colleges and universities; providing student eligibility
 6 requirements; 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. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) and paragraphs
 11 (a) and (c) of subsection (5) of section 1009.701, Florida
 12 Statutes, are amended to read:

13 1009.701 First Generation Matching Grant Program.--

14 (1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program is created
 15 to enable each state university and each independent nonprofit
 16 college or university eligible to participate in the William L.
 17 Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program under s. 1009.89
 18 to provide donors with a matching grant incentive for
 19 contributions that will create grant-based student financial aid
 20 for undergraduate students who demonstrate financial need and
 21 whose parents, as defined in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned a
 22 baccalaureate degree. In the case of any individual who
 23 regularly resided with and received support from only one
 24 parent, an individual whose only such parent did not complete a
 25 baccalaureate degree would also be eligible.

26 (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the program
 27 shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance
 28 to match private contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

29 Contributions made to a state university or independent college
 30 or university qualified under this section and pledged for the
 31 purposes of this section are eligible for state matching funds
 32 appropriated for this program and are not eligible for any other
 33 state matching grant program. Pledged contributions are not
 34 eligible for matching prior to the actual collection of the
 35 total funds. The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall
 36 reserve a proportionate allocation of the total appropriated
 37 funds for each state university or qualified independent college
 38 or university on the basis of full-time equivalent enrollment.
 39 Funds that remain unmatched as of December 1 shall be
 40 reallocated to state universities or qualified independent
 41 colleges or universities that have remaining unmatched private
 42 contributions for the program on the basis of full-time
 43 equivalent enrollment.

44 (4) Each participating state university or qualified
 45 independent college or university shall establish an application
 46 process, determine student eligibility for initial and renewal
 47 awards in conformance with subsection (5), identify the amount
 48 awarded to each recipient, and notify recipients of the amount
 49 of their awards.

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

52 (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
 53 1009.21 or meet the eligibility requirements of s. 1009.89(4).

54 (c) Be accepted at a state university or independent
 55 college or university qualified under this section.

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