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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 (a)
11 and (c) of subsection (5) of section 1009.701, Florida Statutes,
12 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 regularly
23 resided with and received support from only one parent, an
24 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

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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 total
35 funds. The Office of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a
36 proportionate allocation of the total appropriated funds for each
37 state university or qualified independent college or university
38 on the basis of full-time equivalent enrollment. Funds that
39 remain unmatched as of December 1 shall be reallocated to state
40 universities or qualified independent colleges or universities
41 that have remaining unmatched private contributions for the
42 program on the basis of full-time equivalent enrollment.

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

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

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

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

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