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A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to postsecondary education funding; 3 amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising maximum annual 4 adjustments to out-of-state fees or tuition for graduate 5 programs at state universities; amending s. 1009.55, F.S.; 6 limiting eligibility for the Rosewood Family Scholarship 7 Program to direct descendants; deleting obsolete language; 8 amending ss. 1009.57, 1009.58, 1009.59, and 1009.60, F.S.; 9 revising provisions relating to the Florida Teacher 10 Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program, the Critical Teacher Shortage Tuition Reimbursement Program, the 11 Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness 12 Program, and the Minority Teacher Education Scholars 13 14 Program; requiring that the amount of awards under such 15 programs be prorated based on available appropriations and 16 not exceed specified amounts; amending s. 1009.605, F.S.; requiring the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., to 17 submit a report on scholarship recipients and remit 18 undistributed funds to the Department of Education; 19 amending s. 1009.701, F.S.; requiring applicants under the 20 21 First Generation Matching Grant Program to meet specified 22 eligibility requirements; amending s. 1009.94, F.S.; 23 providing reporting requirements for postsecondary institutions participating in certain state student 24 25 financial assistance programs; amending s. 1009.98, F.S.; 26 authorizing the Florida Prepaid College Board to provide 27 advance payment contracts based on specific increments 28 usable toward an associate or baccalaureate degree;

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providing definitions; providing for payments on behalf of
qualified beneficiaries with contracts purchased prior to
July 1, 2009; providing for increases in payments;
providing an exemption from the payment of certain fees;
requiring evaluation of the actuarial soundness of the
Florida Prepaid College Trust Fund; creating s. 1011.521,
F.S.; authorizing appropriations to private colleges and
universities for specified uses; providing reporting
requirements and restrictions on expenditures; repealing
ss. 1009.76 and 1009.765, F.S., relating to Ethics in
Business scholarships; amending s. 1009.40, F.S.; deleting
a cross-reference to conform; providing an exemption from
requirements relating to revenue bonds and debt for the
rental of space within a specified public health facility;
providing an effective date.
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section
1009.24, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1009.24 State university student fees
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(c) The Board of Governors, or the board's designee, may
establish tuition for graduate and professional programs, and
out-of-state fees for all programs. The sum of tuition and out-
of-state fees assessed to nonresident students must be
sufficient to offset the full instructional cost of serving such
students. However, adjustments to out-of-state fees or tuition
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57 for graduate programs and pursuant to this section may not 58 exceed 10 percent in any year, and adjustments to out-of-state 59 fees or tuition for professional programs may not exceed 15 60 percent in any year. Section 2. Subsection (1) and paragraph (c) of subsection 61 (2) of section 1009.55, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 62 63 1009.55 Rosewood Family Scholarship Program.--64 There is created a Rosewood Family Scholarship Program (1)65 for minority persons with preference given to the direct 66 descendants of the Rosewood families, not to exceed 25 scholarships per year. Funds appropriated by the Legislature for 67 the program shall be deposited in the State Student Financial 68 Assistance Trust Fund. 69 70 The Rosewood Family Scholarship Program shall be (2)71 administered by the Department of Education. The State Board of 72 Education shall adopt rules for administering this program which 73 shall at a minimum provide for the following: 74 The department shall rank eligible initial applicants (C) 75 for the purposes of awarding scholarships with preference being given to the direct descendants of the Rosewood families. The 76 77 remaining applicants shall be ranked based on need as determined 78 by the Department of Education. 79 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (3) of section 1009.57, Florida 80 81 Statutes, is amended to read: 1009.57 Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan 82 83 Program. --

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84 Within the Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable (2)85 Loan Program shall be established the "Chappie" James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship which shall be offered to a top 86 87 graduating senior from each public secondary school in the 88 state. An additional number of "Chappie" James Most Promising 89 Teacher Scholarship awards shall be offered annually to graduating seniors from private secondary schools in the state 90 91 which are listed with the Department of Education and accredited 92 by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools or any other 93 private statewide accrediting agency which makes public its 94 standards, procedures, and member schools. The private secondary 95 schools shall be in compliance with regulations of the Office for Civil Rights. The number of awards to private secondary 96 97 school students shall be proportional to the number of awards 98 available to public secondary school students and shall be 99 calculated as the ratio of the number of private to public 100 secondary school seniors in the state multiplied by the number 101 of public secondary schools in the state.

(b) The amount of the scholarship <u>shall be prorated based</u>
<u>on available appropriations and may not exceed</u> is \$1,500 per
<u>year. The scholarship</u> and may be renewed for 1 year if the
student earns a 2.5 cumulative grade point average and 12 credit
hours per term and meets the eligibility requirements for
renewal of the award.

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(b) An undergraduate forgivable loan may be awarded for 2 undergraduate years, not to exceed \$4,000 per year, or for a maximum of 3 years for programs requiring a fifth year of Page 4 of 18

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112 instruction to obtain initial teaching certification. The amount 113 of the undergraduate forgivable loan shall be prorated based on 114 available appropriations and may not exceed \$4,000 per year. 115 A graduate forgivable loan may be awarded for 2 (C) 116 graduate years. The amount of the graduate forgivable loan shall 117 be prorated based on available appropriations and may $_{\mathcal{T}}$ not to 118 exceed \$8,000 per year. In addition to meeting criteria 119 specified in paragraph (a), a loan recipient at the graduate level shall: 120 1. Hold a bachelor's degree from any college or university 121 122 accredited by a regional accrediting association as defined by 123 State Board of Education rule. 124 Not already hold a teaching certificate resulting from 2. 125 an undergraduate degree in education in an area of critical teacher shortage as designated by the State Board of Education. 126 127 3. Not have received an undergraduate forgivable loan as 128 provided for in paragraph (b). Section 4. Subsection (3) of section 1009.58, Florida 129 130 Statutes, is amended to read: 131 1009.58 Critical teacher shortage tuition reimbursement 132 program.--133 (3) Participants may receive tuition reimbursement payments for up to 9 semester hours, or the equivalent in 134 135 quarter hours, per year. The amount of the reimbursement per 136 semester hour shall be prorated based on available 137 appropriations and may not, at a rate not to exceed \$78 per 138 semester hour, up to a total of 36 semester hours. All tuition

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139 reimbursements shall be contingent on passing an approved course 140 with a minimum grade of 3.0 or its equivalent.

Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 1009.59, FloridaStatutes, is amended to read:

143 1009.59 Critical Teacher Shortage Student Loan Forgiveness 144 Program.--

(2) From the funds available, The Department of Education
may make loan principal repayments, which shall be prorated
based on available appropriations as follows:

(a) Up to \$2,500 a year for up to 4 years on behalf of
selected graduates of state-approved undergraduate postsecondary
teacher preparation programs, persons certified to teach
pursuant to any applicable teacher certification requirements,
or selected teacher preparation graduates from any state
participating in the Interstate Agreement on the Qualification
of Educational Personnel.

(b) Up to \$5,000 a year for up to 2 years on behalf of
selected graduates of state-approved graduate postsecondary
teacher preparation programs, persons with graduate degrees
certified to teach pursuant to any applicable teacher
certification requirements, or selected teacher preparation
graduates from any state participating in the Interstate
Agreement on the Qualification of Educational Personnel.

(c) All repayments shall be contingent on continued proof of employment in the designated subject areas in this state and shall be made directly to the holder of the loan. The state shall not bear responsibility for the collection of any interest charges or other remaining balance. In the event that designated

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167 critical teacher shortage subject areas are changed by the State 168 Board of Education, a teacher shall continue to be eligible for 169 loan forgiveness as long as he or she continues to teach in the 170 subject area for which the original loan repayment was made and 171 otherwise meets all conditions of eligibility.

Section 6. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 1009.60,Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

174 1009.60 Minority teacher education scholars 175 program. -- There is created the minority teacher education 176 scholars program, which is a collaborative performance-based 177 scholarship program for African-American, Hispanic-American, 178 Asian-American, and Native American students. The participants 179 in the program include Florida's community colleges and its public and private universities that have teacher education 180 181 programs.

(1) The minority teacher education scholars program shall
provide an annual scholarship <u>in an amount that shall be</u>
<u>prorated based on available appropriations and may not exceed of</u>
\$4,000 for each approved minority teacher education scholar who
is enrolled in one of Florida's public or private universities
in the junior year and is admitted into a teacher education
program.

(3) The total amount appropriated annually for new scholarships in the program must be divided by \$4,000 and by the number of participating colleges and universities. Each participating institution has access to the same number of scholarships and may award all of them to eligible minority students. If a college or university does not award all of its

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195 scholarships by the date set by the program administration at 196 the Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc., the remaining 197 scholarships must be transferred to another institution that has 198 eligible students. If the total amount appropriated for new 199 scholarships is insufficient to award \$4,000 to each eligible 200 student, the amount of the scholarship shall be prorated based 201 on available appropriations. 202 Section 7. Subsection (2) of section 1009.605, Florida 203 Statutes, is amended to read: 1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.--204 205 (2) (a) The corporation shall submit an annual budget 206 projection to the Department of Education to be included in the annual legislative budget request. The projection must be based 207 on a 7-year plan that would be capable of awarding the following 208 schedule of scholarships: 209 210 1.(a) In the initial year, 700 scholarships of \$4,000 each 211 to scholars in the junior year of college. 212 2.(b) In the second year, 350 scholarships to new scholars 213 in their junior year and 700 renewal scholarships to the rising 214 seniors. 215 3.(c) In each succeeding year, 350 scholarships to new 216 scholars in the junior year and renewal scholarships to the 350 217 rising seniors. 218 (b) The corporation shall report to the Department of 219 Education, by the date established by the department, the 220 eligible students to whom scholarship moneys are disbursed each 221 academic term and any other information requested by the 222 department in accordance with s. 1009.94. Within 60 days after Page 8 of 18

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223	the end of each fiscal year, the corporation shall remit to the
224	department any appropriated funds that were not distributed for
225	scholarships, less the 5 percent for administration, including
226	administration of the required training program, authorized
227	pursuant to subsection (3).
228	Section 8. Paragraph (e) of subsection (5) of section
229	1009.701, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
230	1009.701 First Generation Matching Grant Program
231	(5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to
232	this section, an applicant must:
233	(e) Have met the eligibility requirements in s. 1009.50
234	for demonstrated financial need for the Florida Public Student
235	Assistance Grant Program by completing the Free Application for
236	Federal Student Aid.
237	Section 9. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 1009.94,
238	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
239	1009.94 Student financial assistance database
240	(2) For purposes of this section, financial assistance
241	includes:
242	(a) For all students, any scholarship, grant, loan, fee
243	waiver, tuition assistance payment, or other form of
244	compensation provided from state or federal funds.
245	(b) For students attending public institutions, any
246	scholarship, grant, loan, fee waiver, tuition assistance
247	payment, or other form of compensation supported by
248	institutional funds.
249	(c) Any financial assistance provided under s. 1009.50, s.
250	1009.505, s. 1009.51, s. 1009.52, s. 1009.53, s. 1009.54, s.
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251	<u>1009.55, s. 1009.56, s. 1009.57, s. 1009.60, s. 1009.62, s.</u>
252	<u>1009.63, s. 1009.68, s. 1009.70, s. 1009.701, s. 1009.72, s.</u>
253	<u>1009.73, s. 1009.74, s. 1009.77, s. 1009.89, or s. 1009.891.</u>
254	(3) The database must include records on any student
255	receiving any form of financial assistance as described in
256	subsection (2). <u>Each institution</u> Institutions participating in
257	any state financial assistance program <u>under paragraph (2)(c)</u>
258	shall annually <u>report</u> submit such information to the Department
259	of Education, by the date and in a format prescribed by the
260	department and consistent with the provisions of s. 1002.22, the
261	eligible students to whom financial assistance is disbursed each
262	academic term, the eligibility requirements for recipients, and
263	the aggregate demographics of recipients.
264	Section 10. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (2)
265	of section 1009.98, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
266	subsection (10) is added to that section, to read:
267	1009.98 Stanley G. Tate Florida Prepaid College Program
268	(2) PREPAID COLLEGE PLANSAt a minimum, the board shall
269	make advance payment contracts available for two independent
270	plans to be known as the community college plan and the
271	university plan. The board may also make advance payment
272	contracts available for a dormitory residence plan. The board
273	may restrict the number of participants in the community college
274	plan, university plan, and dormitory residence plan,
275	respectively. However, any person denied participation solely on
276	the basis of such restriction shall be granted priority for
277	participation during the succeeding year.

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278 (a)1. Through the community college plan, the advance 279 payment contract may shall provide prepaid registration fees for 280 a specified number of undergraduate semester credit hours not to 281 exceed the average number of hours required for the conference 282 of an associate degree. Qualified beneficiaries shall bear the 283 cost of any laboratory fees associated with enrollment in 284 specific courses. Each qualified beneficiary shall be classified 285 as a resident for tuition purposes, pursuant to s. 1009.21, 286 regardless of his or her actual legal residence.

287 2. Effective July 1, 1998, the board may provide advance 288 payment contracts for additional fees delineated in s. 1009.23, 289 not to exceed the average number of hours required for the 290 conference of an associate degree, in conjunction with advance 291 payment contracts for registration fees. Community college plan 292 contracts purchased prior to July 1, 1998, shall be limited to 293 the payment of registration fees as defined in s. 1009.97.

294 3. Effective July 1, 2009, the board may provide an 295 advance payment contract for the community college plan covering 296 prepaid registration fees and the additional fees delineated in 297 s. 1009.23. Such a contract may be offered in specific 298 increments usable toward an associate degree. The total number 299 of hours purchased for a qualified beneficiary may not exceed 300 the average number of hours required for the conference of an 301 associate degree.

(b)1. Through the university plan, the advance payment
 contract <u>may</u> shall provide prepaid registration fees for a
 specified number of undergraduate semester credit hours not to
 exceed the average number of hours required for the conference

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of a baccalaureate degree. Qualified beneficiaries shall bear the cost of any laboratory fees associated with enrollment in specific courses. Each qualified beneficiary shall be classified as a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21, regardless of his or her actual legal residence.

311 2. Effective July 1, 1998, the board may provide advance 312 payment contracts for additional fees delineated in s. 313 1009.24(9)-(12), for a specified number of undergraduate 314 semester credit hours not to exceed the average number of hours 315 required for the conference of a baccalaureate degree, in 316 conjunction with advance payment contracts for registration 317 fees. Such contracts shall provide prepaid coverage for the sum of such fees, to a maximum of 45 percent of the cost of 318 319 registration fees. University plan contracts purchased prior to 320 July 1, 1998, shall be limited to the payment of registration fees as defined in s. 1009.97. 321

322 3. Effective July 1, 2007, the board may provide advance 323 payment contracts for the tuition differential authorized in s. 324 1009.24(16) for a specified number of undergraduate semester 325 credit hours, which may not exceed the average number of hours 326 required for the conference of a baccalaureate degree, in 327 conjunction with advance payment contracts for registration 328 fees.

329 <u>4. Effective July 1, 2009, the board may provide an</u>
 330 <u>advance payment contract for the university plan covering</u>
 331 <u>prepaid registration fees, the additional fees delineated in s.</u>
 332 <u>1009.24(9)-(12), and the tuition differential authorized in s.</u>
 333 <u>1009.24(16). Such a contract may be offered in specific</u>

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334 <u>increments usable toward a baccalaureate degree. The total</u>
335 <u>number of hours purchased for a qualified beneficiary may not</u>
336 <u>exceed the average number of hours required for the conference</u>
337 of a baccalaureate degree.

338 The cost of participation in contracts authorized (C) 339 under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) shall be based primarily on 340 the current and projected registration fees within the Florida 341 Community College System or the State University System, 342 respectively, that are included in the plan, the number of 343 credit hours or semesters included in the plan, and the number 344 of years expected to elapse between the purchase of the plan on behalf of a qualified beneficiary and the exercise of the 345 346 benefits provided in the plan by such beneficiary.

347 (10) PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF QUALIFIED BENEFICIARIES.--348 (a) For the purposes of this subsection: "Actuarial reserve" means the amount by which the 349 1. 350 expected value of the assets of the trust fund exceed the 351 expected value of the liabilities of the trust fund. 352 2. "Fiscal year" means the state fiscal year pursuant to 353 s. 215.01. 354 3. "Local fees" means the fees covered by an advance 355 payment contract provided pursuant to subparagraph (2) (b)2. 356 "Tuition differential" means the fee covered by an 4. 357 advance payment contract provided pursuant to subparagraph 358 (2) (b) 3. The base rate for the tuition differential for fiscal 359 year 2012-2013 is established at \$37.03 per credit hour. The 360 base rate for the tuition differential in subsequent years is 361 the amount paid by the board for the tuition differential for

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362 the preceding year adjusted pursuant to subparagraph (b)2. 363 (b) Effective with the 2009-2010 academic year and each 364 academic year thereafter and notwithstanding s. 1009.24, the 365 amount paid by the board to any state university on behalf of a 366 qualified beneficiary of an advance payment contract whose 367 contract was purchased prior to July 1, 2009, shall be as 368 follows: 369 1. As to registration fees, if the actuarial reserve is 370 less than 5 percent of the expected value of the liabilities of 371 the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 5.5 372 percent above the amount assessed for registration fees in the 373 preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is between 5 374 percent and 6 percent of the expected value of the liabilities 375 of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 6 376 percent above the amount assessed for registration fees in the 377 preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is between 6 378 percent and 7.5 percent of the expected value of the liabilities 379 of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 380 6.5 percent above the amount assessed for registration fees in 381 the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial reserve is equal to 382 or greater than 7.5 percent of the expected liabilities of the 383 trust fund, the board shall pay the state universities 7 percent 384 above the amount assessed for registration fees in the preceding 385 fiscal year. 2. As to the tuition differential, if the actuarial 386 387 reserve is less than 5 percent of the expected value of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the state 388 389 universities 5.5 percent above the base rate for the tuition

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390 differential in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial 391 reserve is between 5 percent and 6 percent of the expected value 392 of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay the 393 state universities 6 percent above the base rate for the tuition 394 differential in the preceding fiscal year. If the actuarial 395 reserve is between 6 percent and 7.5 percent of the expected 396 value of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board shall pay 397 the state universities 6.5 percent above the base rate for the 398 tuition differential in the preceding fiscal year. If the 399 actuarial reserve is equal to or greater than 7.5 percent of the 400 expected value of the liabilities of the trust fund, the board 401 shall pay the state universities 7 percent above the base rate 402 for the tuition differential in the preceding fiscal year. 403 Qualified beneficiaries of advance payment contracts purchased 404 prior to or on July 1, 2007, shall be exempt from paying the 405 tuition differential. 406 3. As to local fees, the board shall pay the state 407 universities 5 percent above the amount assessed for local fees 408 in the preceding fiscal year. 409 The board shall pay state universities the actual (C) 410 amount assessed in accordance with law for registration fees and 411 the tuition differential for advance payment contracts purchased 412 on or after July 1, 2009. 413 The board shall annually evaluate or cause to be (d) 414 evaluated the actuarial soundness of the trust fund. 415 Section 11. Section 1011.521, Florida Statutes, is created 416 to read:

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417 1011.521 Appropriation to private colleges and 418 universities.--419 (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the 420 Legislature may provide an annual appropriation to support 421 Florida private colleges and universities. Such appropriations 422 may be used to provide access to Florida residents seeking a 423 postsecondary education, to fulfill the state's need for 424 graduates in specific disciplines, and to support medical 425 research. (2) Each institution receiving an appropriation under this 426 427 section shall submit a proposed expenditure plan to the 428 Department of Education by the date and in the format 429 established by the department. 430 By September 1 of each fiscal year, each institution (3) 431 receiving an appropriation under this section shall submit a report to the Department of Education detailing expenditures of 432 433 the funds received under this section in the preceding fiscal 434 year. Any funds used to provide financial assistance to students 435 shall be reported to the department in accordance with s. 436 1009.94. 437 (4) An institution may not expend any of the funds 438 received under this section for the construction of any 439 buildings. 440 Section 12. Sections 1009.76 and 1009.765, Florida 441 Statutes, are repealed. Section 13. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 442 443 1009.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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444 1009.40 General requirements for student eligibility for 445 state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants.--

446 The general requirements for eligibility of (1)(a) students for state financial aid awards and tuition assistance 447 448 grants consist of the following:

449 Achievement of the academic requirements of and 1. 450 acceptance at a state university or community college; a nursing 451 diploma school approved by the Florida Board of Nursing; a 452 Florida college, university, or community college which is 453 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State 454 Board of Education; any Florida institution the credits of which 455 are acceptable for transfer to state universities; any career center; or any private career institution accredited by an 456 457 accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of Education.

458 2. Residency in this state for no less than 1 year 459 preceding the award of aid or a tuition assistance grant for a 460 program established pursuant to s. 1009.50, s. 1009.505, s. 461 1009.51, s. 1009.52, s. 1009.53, s. 1009.54, s. 1009.56, s. 462 1009.57, s. 1009.60, s. 1009.62, s. 1009.63, s. 1009.68, s. 463 1009.72, s. 1009.73, s. 1009.76, s. 1009.77, s. 1009.89, or s. 464 1009.891. Residency in this state must be for purposes other 465 than to obtain an education. Resident status for purposes of 466 receiving state financial aid awards shall be determined in the 467 same manner as resident status for tuition purposes pursuant to 468 s. 1009.21.

Submission of certification attesting to the accuracy, 469 3. completeness, and correctness of information provided to 470 471 demonstrate a student's eligibility to receive state financial

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472 aid awards or tuition assistance grants. Falsification of such 473 information shall result in the denial of any pending 474 application and revocation of any award or grant currently held 475 to the extent that no further payments shall be made. 476 Additionally, students who knowingly make false statements in 477 order to receive state financial aid awards or tuition 478 assistance grants commit a misdemeanor of the second degree 479 subject to the provisions of s. 837.06 and shall be required to 480 return all state financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants wrongfully obtained. 481

482 Section 14. Notwithstanding s. 1010.62, Florida Statutes, 483 revenue bonds may be secured by or made payable from lease 484 payments from the Miami-Dade County Health Department of the 485 Department of Health to Florida International University for 486 rental of space within Florida International University's public 487 health facility. The Legislature finds that such action is 488 consistent with the mission of the university. The financial 489 structure of any debt used to fund the public health facility 490 must be in conformity with the debt management guidelines of the 491 Board of Governors of the State University System and must be 492 approved by the Board of Governors pursuant to s. 1010.62, 493 Florida Statutes.

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Section 15. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.

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