

By the Committee on Higher Education; and Senator Rich

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to postsecondary student fees;
3 amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; clarifying an exemption
4 from fee requirements provided for a student who is or
5 was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age in
6 the custody of a relative under the Relative Caregiver
7 Program or who was adopted from the Department of
8 Children and Family Services after a specified date;
9 providing that such exemption includes fees associated
10 with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction and
11 the completion of the college-level communication and
12 computation skills testing program; providing that the
13 exemption remains valid for 4 years after the date of
14 graduation from high school; providing an effective
15 date.

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

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19 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1009.25, Florida
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

22 (2) The following students are exempt from the payment of
23 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that
24 provides postsecondary career programs, community college, or
25 state university:

26 (a) A student enrolled in a dual enrollment or early
27 admission program pursuant to s. 1007.27 or s. 1007.271.

28 (b) A student enrolled in an approved apprenticeship
29 program, as defined in s. 446.021.

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30 (c) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached
31 18 years of age in the custody of the Department of Children and
32 Family Services ~~or a relative under s. 39.5085, who is adopted~~
33 ~~from the Department of Children and Family Services after May 5,~~
34 ~~1997, or who, after spending at least 6 months in the custody of~~
35 ~~the department after reaching 16 years of age, was placed in a~~
36 ~~guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes fees~~
37 ~~associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction and~~
38 ~~completion of the college-level communication and computation~~
39 ~~skills testing program. Such an exemption is available to any~~
40 ~~student who was in the custody of a relative under s. 39.5085 at~~
41 ~~the time he or she reached 18 years of age or was adopted from~~
42 ~~the Department of Children and Family Services after May 5,~~
43 ~~1997; however, the exemption remains valid for no more than 4~~
44 ~~years after the date of graduation from high school.~~

45 (d) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached
46 18 years of age in the custody of a relative under s. 39.5085 or
47 who was adopted from the Department of Children and Family
48 Services after May 5, 1997. Such exemption includes fees
49 associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction and
50 completion of the college-level communication and computation
51 skills testing program. The exemption remains valid for 4 years
52 after the date of graduation from high school.

53 (e)~~(d)~~ A student enrolled in an employment and training
54 program under the welfare transition program. The regional
55 workforce board shall pay the state university, community
56 college, or school district for costs incurred for welfare
57 transition program participants.

58 (f)~~(e)~~ A student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate

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59 nighttime residence or whose primary nighttime residence is a
60 public or private shelter designed to provide temporary
61 residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a
62 public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,
63 a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

64 (g) ~~(f)~~ A student who is a proprietor, owner, or worker of a
65 company whose business has been at least 50 percent negatively
66 financially impacted by the buy-out of property around Lake
67 Apopka by the State of Florida. Such a student may receive a fee
68 exemption only if the student has not received compensation
69 because of the buy-out, the student is designated a Florida
70 resident for tuition purposes, pursuant to s. 1009.21, and the
71 student has applied for and been denied financial aid, pursuant
72 to s. 1009.40, which would have provided, at a minimum, payment
73 of all student fees. The student is responsible for providing
74 evidence to the postsecondary education institution verifying
75 that the conditions of this paragraph have been met, including
76 supporting ~~support~~ documentation provided by the Department of
77 Revenue. The student must be currently enrolled in, or begin
78 coursework within, a program area by fall semester 2000. The
79 exemption is valid for a period of 4 years after ~~from~~ the date
80 that the postsecondary education institution confirms that the
81 conditions of this paragraph have been met.

82 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.