

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

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

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

20 1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

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

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

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

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

44 (d) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached
 45 18 years of age in the custody of a relative under s. 39.5085 or
 46 who was adopted from the Department of Children and Family
 47 Services after May 5, 1997. Such exemption includes fees
 48 associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction and
 49 completion of the college-level communication and computation
 50 skills testing program. The exemption remains valid for 8 years
 51 after the date of graduation from high school.

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

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57 (f)~~(e)~~ A student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate
58 nighttime residence or whose primary nighttime residence is a
59 public or private shelter designed to provide temporary
60 residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a
61 public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,
62 a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

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

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