

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 certain
9 exemptions include fees associated with enrollment in
10 career-preparatory instruction; deleting an exemption
11 associated with completion of the college-level
12 communication and computation skills testing program;
13 providing that the exemptions remain valid for a specified
14 time; 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.

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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 until the student
43 reaches 28 years of age for no more than 4 years after the date
44 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.
50 The exemption remains valid until the student reaches 28 years
51 of age.

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.

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.