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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to postsecondary student fees; creating s.  
3 1009.215, F.S.; providing an exemption from payment of  
4 nonresident tuition at a state university or a Florida  
5 College System institution for an undocumented student who  
6 meets specified requirements; requiring the Board of  
7 Governors of the State University System to adopt  
8 regulations and the State Board of Education to adopt  
9 rules; providing an effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Section 1009.215, Florida Statutes, is created  
14 to read:

15 1009.215 Nonresident tuition exemption.—

16 (1) Beginning with the 2011 fall term, an undocumented  
17 student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of 8  
18 U.S.C. s. 1101(a)(15), is exempt from paying nonresident tuition  
19 at a state university or a Florida College System institution if  
20 the student meets all of the following requirements:

21 (a) Attended high school in the state for 3 or more years,  
22 which need not be consecutive.

23 (b) Graduated from a high school in the state or attained  
24 a high school equivalency diploma pursuant to s. 1003.435.

25 (c) Registered as an entering student or is currently  
26 enrolled at a state university or a Florida College System  
27 institution.

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28        (d) Files an affidavit with the state university or the  
29 Florida College System institution stating that the student has  
30 filed an application to legalize his or her immigration status  
31 or will file an application as soon as he or she is eligible to  
32 do so.

33        (2) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations and the  
34 State Board of Education shall adopt rules to implement the  
35 nonresident tuition exemption provided in this section.

36        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.