

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to postsecondary education tuition;
 3 amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; providing that a dependent
 4 child who lived in the state with a parent before the
 5 parent's death and who continues to live in the state
 6 with an adult who is not the child's parent while
 7 completing the requirements for a high school diploma
 8 may qualify as a resident for tuition purposes
 9 regardless of whether a parent who does not live in
 10 the state claims the minor as a dependent pursuant to
 11 federal income tax provisions; providing an effective
 12 date.

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

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16 Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of
 17 section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

18 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition
 19 purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or
 20 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in
 21 postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical
 22 career centers or career centers operated by school districts,
 23 in Florida College System institutions, and in state
 24 universities.

25 (2)

26 (d) A dependent child who lived in this state with a
 27 parent before the parent's death and who continues to live in
 28 this state with an adult who is not the child's parent while

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29 completing the requirements for a high school diploma may
30 qualify as a resident for tuition purposes regardless of whether
31 a parent who does not live in this state claims the minor as a
32 dependent pursuant to federal income tax provisions.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.