

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to postsecondary student tuition;  
 3           amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; providing an additional  
 4           category of nonresident persons exempt from paying  
 5           nonresident tuition at a state university or Florida  
 6           College System institution; providing an effective  
 7           date.

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

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 11           Section 1. Present paragraphs (a) through (k) of  
 12           subsection (10) of section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, are  
 13           redesignated as paragraphs (b) through (l), respectively, and a  
 14           new paragraph (a) is added to that subsection, to read:

15           1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition  
 16           purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or  
 17           nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in  
 18           postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical  
 19           career centers or career centers operated by school districts,  
 20           in Florida College System institutions, and in state  
 21           universities.

22           (10) The following persons shall be classified as  
 23           residents for tuition purposes:

24           (a) Beginning with the 2013 fall term, any person, other  
 25           than a nonimmigrant alien within the meaning of 8 U.S.C. s.  
 26           1101(a)(15), who:

27           1. Attended a high school in this state for at least 3  
 28           consecutive or nonconsecutive school years;

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29        2. Graduated from a high school in this state or attained  
30 a high school equivalency diploma pursuant to s. 1003.435;

31        3. Registered as an entering student or is currently  
32 enrolled at a state university or a Florida College System  
33 institution; and

34        4. If he or she is without lawful immigration status,  
35 files an affidavit with the state university or the Florida  
36 College System institution at which he or she is registered or  
37 enrolled stating that he or she has filed an application to  
38 legalize his or her immigration status or will file an  
39 application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

40        Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.