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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Attended a high school in this state for at least 3
consecutive or nonconsecutive school years;
2. Graduated from a high school in this state or attained a

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30 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, files
35 an affidavit with the state university or the Florida College
36 System institution at which he or she is registered or enrolled
37 stating that he or she has filed an application to legalize his
38 or her immigration status or will file an application as soon as
39 he or she is eligible to do so.

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