

By Senator Bullard

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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 subsection
12 (10) of section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
13 paragraphs (b) through (l), respectively, and a new paragraph
14 (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 residents
23 for tuition purposes:

24 (a) Beginning with the 2014 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;

29 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, 2014.