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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to postsecondary education tuition and  
3           fees; amending s. 1009.21, F.S., relating to the  
4           determination of resident status for tuition purposes;  
5           revising the definitions of the terms "dependent  
6           child" and "parent"; revising certain residency  
7           requirements for a dependent child; prohibiting denial  
8           of classification as a resident for tuition purposes  
9           based on certain immigration status; revising  
10          requirements for documentation of residency; revising  
11          requirements relating to classification or  
12          reclassification as a resident for tuition purposes  
13          based on marriage; revising requirements relating to  
14          reevaluation of classification as a resident for  
15          tuition purposes; classifying persons who receive  
16          certain tuition exemptions or waivers as residents for  
17          tuition purposes; providing for the adoption of rules  
18          and regulations; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; revising  
19          provisions relating to workforce education  
20          postsecondary tuition and out-of-state fees; amending  
21          s. 1009.23, F.S.; revising provisions relating to  
22          Florida College System institution tuition and out-of-  
23          state fees; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; revising  
24          provisions relating to state university resident  
25          undergraduate tuition; revising the annual percentage



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26 | increase allowed in the aggregate sum of tuition and  
27 | the tuition differential at state universities;  
28 | amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; providing for the waiver of  
29 | out-of-state fees for students based on certain  
30 | attendance, graduation, and enrollment requirements;  
31 | requiring certain reporting; providing an effective  
32 | date.

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

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36 | Section 1. Section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, is amended  
37 | to read:

38 | 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition  
39 | purposes and exemption from payment of out-of-state fees.-  
40 | Students shall be classified as residents or nonresidents for  
41 | the purpose of assessing tuition in postsecondary educational  
42 | programs offered by charter technical career centers or career  
43 | centers operated by school districts, in Florida College System  
44 | institutions, and in state universities.

45 | (1) As used in this section, the term:

46 | (a) "Dependent child" means any person, whether or not  
47 | living with his or her parent, who is eligible to be claimed by  
48 | his or her parent as a dependent under the federal income tax  
49 | code or who is not deemed independent for federal financial aid  
50 | purposes.



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51 (b) "Initial enrollment" means the first day of class at  
52 an institution of higher education.

53 (c) "Institution of higher education" means any charter  
54 technical career center as defined in s. 1002.34, career center  
55 operated by a school district as defined in s. 1001.44, Florida  
56 College System institution as defined in s. 1000.21(3), or state  
57 university as defined in s. 1000.21(6).

58 (d) "Legal resident" or "resident" means a person who has  
59 maintained his or her residence in this state for the preceding  
60 year, has purchased a home which is occupied by him or her as  
61 his or her residence, or has established a domicile in this  
62 state pursuant to s. 222.17.

63 (e) "Nonresident for tuition purposes" means a person who  
64 does not qualify for the in-state tuition rate.

65 (f) "Parent" means the natural or adoptive parent,  
66 stepparent, or legal guardian of a dependent child.

67 (g) "Resident for tuition purposes" means a person who  
68 qualifies as provided in this section for the in-state tuition  
69 rate.

70 (2) (a) To qualify as a resident for tuition purposes:

71 1. A person or, if that person is a dependent child, his  
72 or her parent or parents must have established legal residence  
73 in this state and must have maintained legal residence in this  
74 state for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before  
75 ~~prior to~~ his or her initial enrollment in an institution of



76 higher education.

77       2. Every applicant for admission to an institution of  
78 higher education shall be required to make a statement as to his  
79 or her length of residence in the state and, further, shall  
80 establish that his or her presence or, if the applicant is a  
81 dependent child, the presence of his or her parent or parents in  
82 the state currently is, and during the requisite 12-month  
83 qualifying period was, for the purpose of maintaining a bona  
84 fide domicile, rather than for the purpose of maintaining a mere  
85 temporary residence or abode incident to enrollment in an  
86 institution of higher education.

87       (b) However, with respect to a dependent child living with  
88 an adult relative other than the child's parent, such child may  
89 qualify as a resident for tuition purposes if the adult relative  
90 is a legal resident who has maintained legal residence in this  
91 state for at least 12 consecutive months immediately before  
92 ~~prior to~~ the child's initial enrollment in an institution of  
93 higher education, provided the child has resided continuously  
94 with such relative for the 3 5 years immediately before ~~prior to~~  
95 the child's initial enrollment in an institution of higher  
96 education, during which time the adult relative has exercised  
97 day-to-day care, supervision, and control of the child.

98       (c) The legal residence of a dependent child whose parents  
99 are divorced, separated, or otherwise living apart will be  
100 deemed to be this state if either parent is a legal resident of



101 | this state, regardless of which parent is entitled to claim, and  
102 | does in fact claim, the minor as a dependent pursuant to federal  
103 | individual income tax provisions.

104 |       (d) A dependent child who is a United States citizen may  
105 | not be denied classification as a resident for tuition purposes  
106 | based solely upon the immigration status of his or her parent.

107 |       (3) (a) An individual shall not be classified as a resident  
108 | for tuition purposes and, thus, shall not be eligible to receive  
109 | the in-state tuition rate until he or she has provided such  
110 | evidence related to legal residence and its duration or, if that  
111 | individual is a dependent child, evidence of his or her parent's  
112 | legal residence and its duration, as may be required by law and  
113 | by officials of the institution of higher education from which  
114 | he or she seeks the in-state tuition rate.

115 |       (b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, evidence  
116 | of legal residence and its duration shall include clear and  
117 | convincing documentation that residency in this state was for a  
118 | minimum of 12 consecutive months before ~~prior to~~ a student's  
119 | initial enrollment in an institution of higher education.

120 |       (c) Each institution of higher education shall  
121 | affirmatively determine that an applicant who has been granted  
122 | admission to that institution as a Florida resident meets the  
123 | residency requirements of this section at the time of initial  
124 | enrollment. The residency determination must be documented by  
125 | the submission of written or electronic verification that



126 | includes two or more of the documents identified in this  
127 | paragraph. Verification of the documents listed in sub-  
128 | subparagraphs 1.a.-d. may be satisfied by submission of an  
129 | affidavit by the person claiming residency. No single piece of  
130 | evidence shall be conclusive.

131 |       1. The documents must include at least one of the  
132 | following:

133 |       a. A Florida voter information ~~voter's registration~~ card.

134 |       b. A Florida driver ~~driver's~~ license.

135 |       c. A State of Florida identification card.

136 |       d. A Florida vehicle registration.

137 |       e. Proof of a permanent home in Florida which is occupied  
138 | as a primary residence by the individual or by the individual's  
139 | parent if the individual is a dependent child.

140 |       f. Proof of a homestead exemption in Florida.

141 |       g. Transcripts from a Florida high school for multiple  
142 | years if the Florida high school diploma or GED was earned  
143 | within the last 12 months.

144 |       h. Proof of permanent full-time employment in Florida for  
145 | at least 30 hours per week for a 12-month period.

146 |       2. The documents may include one or more of the following:

147 |       a. A declaration of domicile in Florida.

148 |       b. A Florida professional or occupational license.

149 |       c. Florida incorporation.

150 |       d. A document evidencing family ties in Florida.



151 e. Proof of membership in a Florida-based charitable or  
152 professional organization.

153 f. Any other documentation that supports the student's  
154 request for resident status, including, but not limited to,  
155 utility bills and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments; a  
156 lease agreement and proof of 12 consecutive months of payments;  
157 or an official state, federal, or court document evidencing  
158 legal ties to Florida.

159 (4) With respect to a dependent child, the legal residence  
160 of the dependent child's parent or parents is prima facie  
161 evidence of the dependent child's legal residence, which  
162 evidence may be reinforced or rebutted, relative to the age and  
163 general circumstances of the dependent child, by the other  
164 evidence of legal residence required of or presented by the  
165 dependent child. However, the legal residence of a dependent  
166 child's parent or parents who are domiciled outside this state  
167 is not prima facie evidence of the dependent child's legal  
168 residence if that dependent child has lived in this state for 3  
169 ~~5~~ consecutive years before ~~prior to~~ enrolling or reregistering  
170 at the institution of higher education at which resident status  
171 for tuition purposes is sought.

172 (5) A person who physically resides in this state may be  
173 classified as a resident for tuition purposes if he or she  
174 marries a person who meets the 12-month residency requirement  
175 under subsection (2) and otherwise qualifies as a resident for



176 tuition purposes under this section ~~In making a domiciliary~~  
177 ~~determination related to the classification of a person as a~~  
178 ~~resident or nonresident for tuition purposes, the domicile of a~~  
179 ~~married person, irrespective of sex, shall be determined, as in~~  
180 ~~the case of an unmarried person, by reference to all relevant~~  
181 ~~evidence of domiciliary intent. For the purposes of this~~  
182 ~~section:~~

183 ~~(a) A person shall not be precluded from establishing or~~  
184 ~~maintaining legal residence in this state and subsequently~~  
185 ~~qualifying or continuing to qualify as a resident for tuition~~  
186 ~~purposes solely by reason of marriage to a person domiciled~~  
187 ~~outside this state, even when that person's spouse continues to~~  
188 ~~be domiciled outside of this state, provided such person~~  
189 ~~maintains his or her legal residence in this state.~~

190 ~~(b) A person shall not be deemed to have established or~~  
191 ~~maintained a legal residence in this state and subsequently to~~  
192 ~~have qualified or continued to qualify as a resident for tuition~~  
193 ~~purposes solely by reason of marriage to a person domiciled in~~  
194 ~~this state.~~

195 ~~(c) In determining the domicile of a married person,~~  
196 ~~irrespective of sex, the fact of the marriage and the place of~~  
197 ~~domicile of such person's spouse shall be deemed relevant~~  
198 ~~evidence to be considered in ascertaining domiciliary intent.~~

199 ~~(6) (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a~~  
200 ~~person who is classified as a nonresident for tuition purposes~~





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201 may become eligible for reclassification as a resident for  
202 tuition purposes if that person or, if that person is a  
203 dependent child, his or her parent presents clear and convincing  
204 documentation that supports permanent legal residency in this  
205 state for at least 12 consecutive months rather than temporary  
206 residency for the purpose of pursuing an education, such as  
207 documentation of full-time permanent employment for the prior 12  
208 months or the purchase of a home in this state and residence  
209 therein for the prior 12 months while not enrolled in an  
210 institution of higher education.

211 (b) If a person who is a dependent child and his or her  
212 parent move to this state while such child is a high school  
213 student and the child graduates from a high school in this  
214 state, the child may become eligible for reclassification as a  
215 resident for tuition purposes when the parent submits evidence  
216 that the parent qualifies for permanent residency.

217 (c) If a person who is a dependent child and his or her  
218 parent move to this state after such child graduates from high  
219 school, the child may become eligible for reclassification as a  
220 resident for tuition purposes after the parent submits evidence  
221 that he or she has established legal residence in the state and  
222 has maintained legal residence in the state for at least 12  
223 consecutive months.

224 (d) A person classified as a nonresident for tuition  
225 purposes may be reclassified as a resident by subsequently



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226 marrying a person who meets the criteria to establish residency  
227 for tuition purposes. In order to be reclassified, a person must  
228 submit all of the following:

229 1. Evidence of his or her own physical residence in this  
230 state.

231 2. Evidence of marriage to a person who qualifies as a  
232 resident for tuition purposes under this section.

233 3. Documentation to support his or her spouse's residency  
234 classification. ~~A person who is classified as a nonresident for~~  
235 ~~tuition purposes and who marries a legal resident of the state~~  
236 ~~or marries a person who becomes a legal resident of the state~~  
237 ~~may, upon becoming a legal resident of the state, become~~  
238 ~~eligible for reclassification as a resident for tuition purposes~~  
239 ~~upon submitting evidence of his or her own legal residency in~~  
240 ~~the state, evidence of his or her marriage to a person who is a~~  
241 ~~legal resident of the state, and evidence of the spouse's legal~~  
242 ~~residence in the state for at least 12 consecutive months~~  
243 ~~immediately preceding the application for reclassification.~~

244 (7) A person shall not lose his or her resident status for  
245 tuition purposes solely by reason of serving, or, if such person  
246 is a dependent child, by reason of his or her parent's or  
247 parents' serving, in the Armed Forces outside this state.

248 (8) Once any institution of higher education in the state  
249 classifies a student as a resident for tuition purposes or  
250 verifies that a student meets the criteria under subsection



251 (11), an institution of higher education is not required to  
252 reevaluate the classification unless inconsistent information  
253 suggests that an erroneous classification was made or the  
254 student breaks enrollment from the institution for a period of  
255 12 months or longer. ~~A person who has been properly classified~~  
256 ~~as a resident for tuition purposes but who, while enrolled in an~~  
257 ~~institution of higher education in this state, loses his or her~~  
258 ~~resident tuition status because the person or, if he or she is a~~  
259 ~~dependent child, the person's parent or parents establish~~  
260 ~~domicile or legal residence elsewhere shall continue to enjoy~~  
261 ~~the in-state tuition rate for a statutory grace period, which~~  
262 ~~period shall be measured from the date on which the~~  
263 ~~circumstances arose that culminated in the loss of resident~~  
264 ~~tuition status and shall continue for 12 months. However, if the~~  
265 ~~12-month grace period ends during a semester or academic term~~  
266 ~~for which such former resident is enrolled, such grace period~~  
267 ~~shall be extended to the end of that semester or academic term.~~

268 (9) Any person who ceases to be enrolled at or who  
269 graduates from an institution of higher education while  
270 classified as a resident for tuition purposes and who  
271 subsequently abandons his or her domicile in this state shall be  
272 permitted to reenroll at an institution of higher education in  
273 this state as a resident for tuition purposes without the  
274 necessity of meeting the 12-month durational requirement of this  
275 section if that person has reestablished his or her domicile in



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276 | this state within 12 months after ~~of~~ such abandonment and  
277 | continuously maintains the reestablished domicile during the  
278 | period of enrollment. The benefit of this subsection shall not  
279 | be accorded more than once to any one person.

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

282 |       (a) Active duty members of the Armed Services of the  
283 | United States residing or stationed in this state, their  
284 | spouses, and dependent children, and active drilling members of  
285 | the Florida National Guard.

286 |       (b) Active duty members of the Armed Services of the  
287 | United States and their spouses and dependents attending a  
288 | Florida College System institution or state university within 50  
289 | miles of the military establishment where they are stationed, if  
290 | such military establishment is within a county contiguous to  
291 | Florida.

292 |       (c) United States citizens living on the Isthmus of  
293 | Panama, who have completed 12 consecutive months of college work  
294 | at the Florida State University Panama Canal Branch, and their  
295 | spouses and dependent children.

296 |       (d) Full-time instructional and administrative personnel  
297 | employed by state public schools and institutions of higher  
298 | education and their spouses and dependent children.

299 |       (e) Students from Latin America and the Caribbean who  
300 | receive scholarships from the federal or state government. Any



301 student classified pursuant to this paragraph shall attend, on a  
302 full-time basis, a Florida institution of higher education.

303 (f) Southern Regional Education Board's Academic Common  
304 Market graduate students attending Florida's state universities.

305 (g) Full-time employees of state agencies or political  
306 subdivisions of the state when the student fees are paid by the  
307 state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of job-  
308 related law enforcement or corrections training.

309 (h) McKnight Doctoral Fellows and Finalists who are United  
310 States citizens.

311 (i) United States citizens living outside the United  
312 States who are teaching at a Department of Defense Dependent  
313 School or in an American International School and who enroll in  
314 a graduate level education program which leads to a Florida  
315 teaching certificate.

316 (j) Active duty members of the Canadian military residing  
317 or stationed in this state under the North American Air Defense  
318 (NORAD) agreement, and their spouses and dependent children,  
319 attending a Florida College System institution or state  
320 university within 50 miles of the military establishment where  
321 they are stationed.

322 (k) Active duty members of a foreign nation's military who  
323 are serving as liaison officers and are residing or stationed in  
324 this state, and their spouses and dependent children, attending  
325 a Florida College System institution or state university within



326 50 miles of the military establishment where the foreign liaison  
327 officer is stationed.

328 (1) Persons who receive a tuition exemption or waiver  
329 under s. 112.19(3), s. 112.191(3), s. 961.06(1)(b), s.  
330 1009.25(1)(c), (d), or (f), or s. 1009.26(8) or (10).

331 ~~(11) Once a student has been classified as a resident for~~  
332 ~~tuition purposes, an institution of higher education to which~~  
333 ~~the student transfers is not required to reevaluate the~~  
334 ~~classification unless inconsistent information suggests that an~~  
335 ~~erroneous classification was made or the student's situation has~~  
336 ~~changed. However, the student must have attended the institution~~  
337 ~~making the initial classification within the prior 12 months,~~  
338 ~~and the residency classification must be noted on the student's~~  
339 ~~transcript.~~ The Higher Education Coordinating Council shall  
340 consider issues related to residency determinations and make  
341 recommendations relating to efficiency and effectiveness of  
342 current law.

343 (12) Each institution of higher education shall establish  
344 a residency appeal committee comprised of at least three members  
345 to consider student appeals of residency determinations, in  
346 accordance with the institution's official appeal process. The  
347 residency appeal committee must render to the student the final  
348 residency determination in writing. The institution must advise  
349 the student of the reasons for the determination.

350 (13) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules, and



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351 the Board of Governors shall adopt regulations, ~~rules~~ to  
352 implement this section.

353 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section  
354 1009.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

355 1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.—

356 (3)

357 ~~(d) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year~~  
358 ~~thereafter,~~ The tuition and the out-of-state fee per contact or  
359 credit hour shall increase at the beginning of each fall  
360 semester at a rate ~~equal to inflation, unless otherwise provided~~  
361 ~~in the General Appropriations Act. If the rate is not provided~~  
362 ~~in the General Appropriations Act~~ The Office of Economic and  
363 ~~Demographic Research shall report the rate of inflation to the~~  
364 ~~President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of~~  
365 ~~Representatives, the Governor, and the State Board of Education~~  
366 ~~each year prior to March 1. For purposes of this paragraph, the~~  
367 ~~rate of inflation shall be defined as the rate of the 12-month~~  
368 ~~percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban~~  
369 ~~Consumers, U.S. City Average, All Items, or successor reports as~~  
370 ~~reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of~~  
371 ~~Labor Statistics, or its successor for December of the previous~~  
372 ~~year. In the event the percentage change is negative, the~~  
373 ~~tuition and out-of-state fee shall remain at the same level as~~  
374 ~~the prior fiscal year.~~

375 Section 3. Paragraph (c) of subsection (3) of section



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376 1009.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

377 1009.23 Florida College System institution student fees.—

378 (3)

379 ~~(c) Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year~~  
380 ~~thereafter,~~ The tuition and the out-of-state fee shall increase  
381 at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate ~~equal to~~  
382 ~~inflation, unless otherwise~~ provided in the General  
383 Appropriations Act. If the rate is not provided in the General  
384 Appropriations Act ~~The Office of Economic and Demographic~~  
385 ~~Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of~~  
386 ~~the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the~~  
387 ~~Governor, and the State Board of Education each year prior to~~  
388 ~~March 1. For purposes of this paragraph, the rate of inflation~~  
389 ~~shall be defined as the rate of the 12-month percentage change~~  
390 ~~in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City~~  
391 ~~Average, All Items, or successor reports as reported by the~~  
392 ~~United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics,~~  
393 ~~or its successor for December of the previous year. In the event~~  
394 ~~the percentage change is negative,~~ the tuition and the out-of-  
395 state fee per credit hour shall remain at the same levels as the  
396 prior fiscal year.

397 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and paragraph  
398 (b) of subsection (16) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are  
399 amended to read:

400 1009.24 State university student fees.—





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402 (b) ~~Beginning with the 2008-2009 fiscal year and each year~~  
403 ~~thereafter,~~ The resident undergraduate tuition per credit hour  
404 shall increase at the beginning of each fall semester at a rate  
405 ~~equal to inflation, unless otherwise~~ provided in the General  
406 Appropriations Act. If the rate is not provided in the General  
407 Appropriations Act ~~The Office of Economic and Demographic~~  
408 ~~Research shall report the rate of inflation to the President of~~  
409 ~~the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the~~  
410 ~~Governor, and the Board of Governors each year prior to March 1.~~  
411 ~~For purposes of this paragraph, the rate of inflation shall be~~  
412 ~~defined as the rate of the 12-month percentage change in the~~  
413 ~~Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, U.S. City Average,~~  
414 ~~All Items, or successor reports as reported by the United States~~  
415 ~~Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, or its~~  
416 ~~successor for December of the previous year. In the event the~~  
417 ~~percentage change is negative,~~ the resident undergraduate  
418 tuition shall remain at the same level as the prior fiscal year.

419 (16) Each university board of trustees may establish a  
420 tuition differential for undergraduate courses upon receipt of  
421 approval from the Board of Governors. The tuition differential  
422 shall promote improvements in the quality of undergraduate  
423 education and shall provide financial aid to undergraduate  
424 students who exhibit financial need.

425 (b) Each tuition differential is subject to the following



426 conditions:

427 1. The tuition differential may be assessed on one or more  
428 undergraduate courses or on all undergraduate courses at a state  
429 university.

430 2. The tuition differential may vary by course or courses,  
431 campus or center location, and by institution. Each university  
432 board of trustees shall strive to maintain and increase  
433 enrollment in degree programs related to math, science, high  
434 technology, and other state or regional high-need fields when  
435 establishing tuition differentials by course.

436 3. For each state university ~~that has total research and~~  
437 ~~development expenditures for all fields of at least \$100 million~~  
438 ~~per year as reported annually to the National Science~~  
439 ~~Foundation~~, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition  
440 differential may not be increased by more than 6 ~~15~~ percent of  
441 the total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the  
442 preceding fiscal year. ~~For each state university that has total~~  
443 ~~research and development expenditures for all fields of less~~  
444 ~~than \$100 million per year as reported annually to the National~~  
445 ~~Science Foundation~~, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition  
446 differential may not be increased by more than 15 percent of the  
447 total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the  
448 preceding fiscal year.

449 4. The aggregate sum of undergraduate tuition and fees per  
450 credit hour, including the tuition differential, may not exceed



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451 the national average of undergraduate tuition and fees at 4-year  
452 degree-granting public postsecondary educational institutions.

453 5. The tuition differential shall not be included in any  
454 award under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program  
455 established pursuant to ss. 1009.53-1009.538.

456 6. Beneficiaries having prepaid tuition contracts pursuant  
457 to s. 1009.98(2)(b) which were in effect on July 1, 2007, and  
458 which remain in effect, are exempt from the payment of the  
459 tuition differential.

460 7. The tuition differential may not be charged to any  
461 student who was in attendance at the university before July 1,  
462 2007, and who maintains continuous enrollment.

463 8. The tuition differential may be waived by the  
464 university for students who meet the eligibility requirements  
465 for the Florida public student assistance grant established in  
466 s. 1009.50.

467 9. Subject to approval by the Board of Governors, the  
468 tuition differential authorized pursuant to this subsection may  
469 take effect with the 2009 fall term.

470 Section 5. Subsection (12) is added to section 1009.26,  
471 Florida Statutes, to read:

472 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

473 (12) (a) A state university, Florida College System  
474 institution, career center operated by a school district under  
475 s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center shall waive out-



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476 of-state fees for students, regardless of immigration status,  
477 who attend a secondary school in this state for 4 consecutive  
478 years immediately before high school graduation, apply for  
479 enrollment in an institution of higher education within 24  
480 months after graduation, and submit an official Florida high  
481 school transcript as documentary evidence of attendance and  
482 graduation.

483 (b) Each state university, Florida College System  
484 institution, career center operated by a school district under  
485 s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center must report to  
486 the Board of Governors or the State Board of Education, as  
487 applicable, the number and value of all fee waivers granted  
488 annually under this subsection.

489 (c) State university students granted fee waivers under  
490 this subsection are considered nonresident students for purposes  
491 of calculating the systemwide total enrollment of nonresident  
492 students as limited by regulation of the Board of Governors.

493 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.