

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to postsecondary education fee
 3 waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; deleting
 4 provisions relating to the out-of-state fee waiver for
 5 students meeting certain attendance, graduation, and
 6 enrollment requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 1009.26, Florida
 11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

13 ~~(12) (a) A state university, a Florida College System~~
 14 ~~institution, a career center operated by a school district under~~
 15 ~~s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center shall waive~~
 16 ~~out-of-state fees for students, including, but not limited to,~~
 17 ~~students who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes,~~
 18 ~~who meet the following conditions:~~

19 ~~1. Attended a secondary school in this state for 3~~
 20 ~~consecutive years immediately before graduating from a high~~
 21 ~~school in this state;~~

22 ~~2. Apply for enrollment in an institution of higher~~
 23 ~~education within 24 months after high school graduation; and~~

24 ~~3. Submit an official Florida high school transcript as~~
 25 ~~evidence of attendance and graduation.~~

26 ~~(b) Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies~~

27 ~~for the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not~~
28 ~~exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student. The~~
29 ~~waiver is applicable for 110 percent of the required credit~~
30 ~~hours of the degree or certificate program for which the student~~
31 ~~is enrolled. Each state university, Florida College System~~
32 ~~institution, career center operated by a school district under~~
33 ~~s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center shall report to~~
34 ~~the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education,~~
35 ~~respectively, the number and value of all fee waivers granted~~
36 ~~annually under this subsection. By October 1 of each year, the~~
37 ~~Board of Governors for the state universities and the State~~
38 ~~Board of Education for Florida College System institutions,~~
39 ~~career centers operated by a school district under s. 1001.44,~~
40 ~~and charter technical career centers shall annually report for~~
41 ~~the previous academic year the percentage of resident and~~
42 ~~nonresident students enrolled systemwide.~~

43 ~~(c) A state university student granted an out-of-state fee~~
44 ~~waiver under this subsection must be considered a nonresident~~
45 ~~student for purposes of calculating the systemwide total~~
46 ~~enrollment of nonresident students as limited by regulation of~~
47 ~~the Board of Governors. In addition, a student who is granted an~~
48 ~~out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection is not eligible~~
49 ~~for state financial aid under part III of this chapter and must~~
50 ~~not be reported as a resident for tuition purposes.~~

51 ~~(d) A state university, a Florida College System~~
52 ~~institution, a career center operated by a school district under~~

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53 ~~s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center shall, within~~
54 ~~the nonresident student enrollment systemwide, prioritize the~~
55 ~~enrollment of a veteran who is granted an out-of-state fee~~
56 ~~waiver pursuant to the Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young Tuition~~
57 ~~Waiver Act over a student who is granted an out-of-state fee~~
58 ~~waiver under this subsection.~~

59 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.