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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
Comm: RCS	.	
12/07/2015	.	
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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Gaetz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and paragraphs
(a) and (b) of subsection (6) of section 1009.531, Florida
Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
student eligibility requirements for initial awards.—

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11 (c) A student graduating from high school in the 2012-2013
12 academic year and thereafter is eligible to accept an initial
13 award for 2 years following high school graduation and to accept
14 a renewal award for 5 years following high school graduation. A
15 student who applies for an award by high school graduation and
16 who meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not
17 accept his or her award, may reapply during subsequent
18 application periods up to 2 years after high school graduation.
19 For a student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces
20 immediately after completion of high school, the 2-year
21 eligibility period for his or her initial award and the 5-year
22 renewal period shall begin upon the date of separation from
23 active duty. For a student who is receiving a Florida Bright
24 Futures Scholarship award and discontinues his or her education
25 to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the remainder of
26 his or her 5-year renewal period shall commence upon the date of
27 separation from active duty. For a student who is unable to
28 accept an initial award immediately after completion of high
29 school due to a full-time religious or service obligation
30 lasting at least 18 months, the 2-year eligibility period for
31 his or her initial award and the 5-year renewal period begin
32 upon the completion of his or her religious or service
33 obligation. The organization sponsoring the full-time religious
34 or service obligation must meet the requirements for nonprofit
35 status under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be a
36 federal government service organization, including, but not
37 limited to, the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps programs. The
38 obligation must be documented in writing and verified by the
39 entity for which the student completed the obligation on a



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40 standardized form prescribed by the department. If a course of
41 study is not completed after 5 academic years, an exception of 1
42 year to the renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable
43 illness or other documented emergency pursuant to s.
44 1009.40(1)(b)4.

45 (6)(a) The State Board of Education shall publicize the
46 examination score required for a student to be eligible for a
47 Florida Academic Scholars award, pursuant to s. 1009.534(1)(a)
48 or (b), ~~as follows:~~

49 ~~1. For high school students graduating in the 2010-2011 and~~
50 ~~2011-2012 academic years, the student must earn an SAT score of~~
51 ~~1270 or a concordant ACT score of 28.~~

52 ~~2. For high school students graduating in the 2012-2013~~
53 ~~academic year, the student must earn an SAT score of 1280 which~~
54 ~~corresponds to the 88th SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT~~
55 ~~score of 28.~~

56 ~~3. For High school students graduating in the 2013-2014~~
57 ~~academic year and thereafter, the student must earn an SAT score~~
58 ~~of 1290 which corresponds to the 89th SAT percentile rank or a~~
59 ~~concordant ACT score of 29.~~

60 (b) The State Board of Education shall publicize the
61 examination score required for a student to be eligible for a
62 Florida Medallion Scholars award, pursuant to s. 1009.535(1)(a)
63 or (b), ~~as follows:~~

64 ~~1. For high school students graduating in the 2010-2011~~
65 ~~academic year, the student must earn an SAT score of 970 or a~~
66 ~~concordant ACT score of 20 or the student in a home education~~
67 ~~program whose parent cannot document a college preparatory~~
68 ~~curriculum must earn an SAT score of 1070 or a concordant ACT~~



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69 ~~score of 23.~~

70 ~~2. For high school students graduating in the 2011-2012~~
71 ~~academic year, the student must earn an SAT score of 980 which~~
72 ~~corresponds to the 44th SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT~~
73 ~~score of 21 or the student in a home education program whose~~
74 ~~parent cannot document a college-preparatory curriculum must~~
75 ~~earn an SAT score of 1070 or a concordant ACT score of 23.~~

76 ~~3. For high school students graduating in the 2012-2013~~
77 ~~academic year, the student must earn an SAT score of 1020 which~~
78 ~~corresponds to the 51st SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT~~
79 ~~score of 22 or the student in a home education program whose~~
80 ~~parent cannot document a college-preparatory curriculum must~~
81 ~~earn an SAT score of 1070 or a concordant ACT score of 23.~~

82 ~~4. For High school students graduating in the 2013-2014~~
83 ~~academic year and thereafter, the student must earn an SAT score~~
84 ~~of 1170 which corresponds to the 75th SAT percentile rank or a~~
85 ~~concordant ACT score of 26 or the student in a home education~~
86 ~~program whose parent cannot document a college-preparatory~~
87 ~~curriculum must earn an SAT score of 1220 or a concordant ACT~~
88 ~~score of 27.~~

89 Section 2. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (3) of
90 section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, to read:

91 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
92 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.-

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94 (d) A student who is initially eligible in the 2017-2018
95 academic year and thereafter for a Florida Gold Seal Vocational
96 Scholars award under s. 1009.536(2) and who completes a
97 technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13)



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98 may also receive an award for:

99 1. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of science
100 degree program for which there is a statewide associate in
101 science degree program to bachelor of science degree program
102 articulation agreement; or

103 2. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of applied
104 science degree program at a Florida College System institution.

105 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 1009.534, Florida
106 Statutes, is amended to read:

107 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

108 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars
109 award if he or she ~~the student~~ meets the general eligibility
110 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
111 and ~~the student~~:

112 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as
113 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high
114 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
115 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has
116 attained at least the score required under ~~pursuant to~~ s.
117 1009.531(6)(a) on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of
118 the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or
119 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
120 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT
121 Assessment Program;

122 (b) Has attended a home education program according to s.
123 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12, or ~~or~~ has completed the
124 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
125 International Baccalaureate Diploma, or has completed the
126 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but



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127 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of
128 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score required
129 under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 1009.531(6) (a) on the combined verbal and
130 quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the
131 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic
132 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an
133 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

134 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma
135 from the International Baccalaureate Office or an Advanced
136 International Certificate of Education Diploma from the
137 University of Cambridge International Examinations Office;

138 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
139 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
140 scholar or finalist; or

141 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
142 Recognition Program as a scholar recipient.

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144 The A student must complete a program of volunteer ~~community~~
145 service work, as approved by the district school board, the
146 administrators of a nonpublic school, or the Department of
147 Education for home education program students, which must ~~shall~~
148 include a minimum of 75 hours of service work for high school
149 students graduating in the 2010-2011 academic year and 100 hours
150 of service work for high school students graduating in the 2011-
151 2012 academic year and thereafter. The student, ~~and~~ must
152 identify a social or civic issue or a professional area ~~problem~~
153 that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her
154 personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about
155 the area ~~problem~~, and, through papers or other presentations,



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156 evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience. Except for
157 credit earned through service-learning courses adopted pursuant
158 to s. 1003.497, the student may not receive remuneration or
159 academic credit for the volunteer service work performed. Such
160 work may include, but is not limited to, a business or
161 government internship, work for a nonprofit community service
162 organization, or activity on behalf of a candidate for public
163 office. The hours of volunteer service must be documented in
164 writing, and the document must be signed by the student, the
165 student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the
166 organization for which the student performed the volunteer
167 service work.

168 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 1009.535, Florida
169 Statutes, is amended to read:

170 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.—

171 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars
172 award if he or she ~~the student~~ meets the general eligibility
173 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
174 and ~~the student~~:

175 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as
176 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high
177 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
178 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has
179 attained at least the score required under ~~pursuant to~~ s.
180 1009.531(6) (b) on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of
181 the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or
182 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
183 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT
184 Assessment Program;



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185 (b) Has completed the International Baccalaureate
186 curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate
187 Diploma or has completed the Advanced International Certificate
188 of Education curriculum but failed to earn the Advanced
189 International Certificate of Education Diploma, and has attained
190 at least the score required under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 1009.531(6) (b)
191 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
192 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
193 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
194 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

195 (c) Has attended a home education program according to s.
196 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 and has attained at least the
197 score required under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 1009.531(6) (b) on the
198 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
199 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
200 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
201 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program, if the
202 student's parent cannot document a college-preparatory
203 curriculum as described in paragraph (a);

204 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement program
205 of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a scholar or
206 finalist but has not completed the ~~a~~ program of volunteer
207 ~~community~~ service work required under ~~as provided in~~ s.
208 1009.534; or

209 (e) Has been recognized by the National Hispanic
210 Recognition Program as a scholar, but has not completed the ~~a~~
211 program of volunteer ~~community~~ service work required under ~~as~~
212 ~~provided in~~ s. 1009.534.

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214 A high school student graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year
215 and thereafter must complete at least 75 hours ~~a program~~ of
216 volunteer ~~community~~ service work approved by the district school
217 board, the administrators of a nonpublic school, or the
218 Department of Education for home education program students. The
219 student, ~~which shall include a minimum of 75 hours of service~~
220 ~~work,~~ and must identify a social or civic issue or a
221 professional area ~~problem~~ that interests him or her, develop a
222 plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue
223 or learning about the area ~~problem~~, and, through papers or other
224 presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience.
225 Except for credit earned through service-learning courses
226 adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not receive
227 remuneration or academic credit for volunteer service work
228 performed. Such work may include, but is not limited to, a
229 business or government internship, work for a nonprofit
230 community service organization, or activity on behalf of a
231 candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service must
232 be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the
233 student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative
234 of the organization for which the student performed the
235 volunteer service work.

236 Section 5. Subsection (1) of section 1009.536, Florida
237 Statutes, is amended, present subsections (2), (3), and (4) of
238 that section are redesignated as subsections (3), (4), and (5),
239 respectively, a new subsection (2) is added to that section, and
240 paragraph (d) is added to present subsection (4) of that
241 section, to read:

242 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The



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243 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within
244 the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and
245 reward academic achievement and career preparation by high
246 school students who wish to continue their education.

247 (1) A student who entered grade 9 before or in the 2015-
248 2016 academic year is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
249 Vocational Scholars award if he or she ~~the student~~ meets the
250 general eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
251 Scholarship Program and ~~the student~~:

252 (a) Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential
253 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school
254 career credits. On-the-job training may not be substituted for
255 any of the three required career credits.

256 (b) Demonstrates readiness for postsecondary education by
257 earning a passing score on the Florida College Entry Level
258 Placement Test or its equivalent as identified by the Department
259 of Education.

260 (c) Earns a minimum cumulative weighted grade point average
261 of 3.0, as calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, on all subjects
262 required for a standard high school diploma, excluding elective
263 courses.

264 (d) Earns a minimum unweighted grade point average of 3.5
265 on a 4.0 scale for secondary career courses that comprise
266 ~~comprising~~ the career program.

267 (e) Beginning with high school students graduating in the
268 2011-2012 academic year and thereafter, completes at least 30
269 hours ~~a program~~ of volunteer ~~community~~ service work approved by
270 the district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic
271 school, or the Department of Education for home education



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272 program students. The student must identify, which shall include
273 a minimum of 30 hours of service work, and identifies a social
274 or civic issue or a professional area problem that interests him
275 or her, develop develops a plan for his or her personal
276 involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area
277 problem, and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate
278 evaluates and reflect reflects upon his or her experience.
279 Except for credit earned through service-learning courses
280 adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not receive
281 remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work
282 performed. Such work may include, but is not limited to, a
283 business or government internship, work for a nonprofit
284 community service organization, or activity on behalf of a
285 candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service must
286 be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the
287 student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative
288 of the organization for which the student performed the
289 volunteer service work.

290 (2) A high school student graduating in the 2016-2017
291 academic year and thereafter is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
292 Vocational Scholars award if the student meets the requirements
293 under subsection (1) or meets the general eligibility
294 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program,
295 and the student:

296 (a) Earns a minimum of 5 postsecondary credit hours through
297 CAPE industry certifications approved pursuant to s. 1008.44
298 which articulate for college credit; and

299 (b) Completes at least 30 hours of volunteer service work
300 approved by the district school board, the administrators of a



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301 nonpublic school, or the Department of Education for home
302 education program students. The student must identify a social
303 or civic issue or a professional area that interests him or her,
304 develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing
305 the issue or learning about the area, and, through papers or
306 other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her
307 experience. Except for credit earned through service-learning
308 courses adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not
309 receive remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer
310 service work performed. Such work may include, but is not
311 limited to, a business or government internship, work for a
312 nonprofit community service organization, or activity on behalf
313 of a candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service
314 work must be documented in writing, and the document must be
315 signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a
316 representative of the organization for which the student
317 performed the volunteer service work.

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319 A high school student graduating in the 2019-2020 academic year
320 and thereafter is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal Vocational
321 Scholars award only if the student meets the requirements under
322 this subsection.

323 ~~(5)(4)~~

324 (d) A student who is initially eligible in the 2017-2018
325 academic year and thereafter for a Florida Gold Seal Vocational
326 Scholars award under subsection (2) and who completes a
327 technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13)
328 may also receive an award for:

329 1. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of science



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330 degree program for which there is a statewide associate in
331 science degree program to bachelor of science degree program
332 articulation agreement; or

333 2. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of applied
334 science degree program at a Florida College System institution.

335 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

336 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

337 And the title is amended as follows:

338 Delete everything before the enacting clause
339 and insert:

340 A bill to be entitled
341 An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures
342 Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.;
343 providing that the initial award period and the
344 renewal period for students who are unable to accept
345 an initial award immediately after completion of high
346 school due to a full-time religious or service
347 obligation begin upon the completion of the religious
348 or service obligation; specifying requirements for an
349 entity that is sponsoring the obligation; requiring
350 verification from the entity for which the student
351 completed such obligation; revising eligibility
352 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
353 Scholarship Program; deleting obsolete provisions;
354 amending s. 1009.532, F.S.; providing that certain
355 students may receive an award for a specified number
356 of credits towards specified bachelor of science
357 degree programs or bachelor of applied science degree
358 programs; amending ss. 1009.534 and 1009.535, F.S.;



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359 requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida
360 Academic Scholars award or the Florida Medallion
361 Scholars award, to identify a civic issue or a
362 professional area of interest and develop a plan for
363 his or her personal involvement in addressing the
364 issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the
365 student from receiving remuneration or academic credit
366 for the volunteer service work performed except in
367 certain circumstances; requiring the hours of
368 volunteer service work to be documented in writing and
369 signed by the student, the student's parent or
370 guardian, and a representative of the organization for
371 which the student performed the volunteer service
372 work; amending s. 1009.536, F.S.; requiring a student,
373 as a prerequisite for the Florida Gold Seal Vocational
374 Scholars award, to identify a civic issue or a
375 professional area of interest and develop a plan for
376 his or her personal involvement in addressing the
377 issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the
378 student from receiving remuneration or academic credit
379 for the volunteer service work performed except in
380 certain circumstances; requiring the hours of
381 volunteer service work to be documented in writing and
382 signed by the student, the student's parent or
383 guardian, and a representative of the organization for
384 which the student performed the volunteer service
385 work; requiring a high school student graduating in
386 the 2016-2017 academic year to meet certain
387 requirements to be eligible for a Florida Gold Seal



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388 Vocational Scholars award; providing that certain
389 students may receive an award for a specified number
390 of credits toward specified bachelor of science degree
391 programs or bachelor of applied science degree
392 programs; providing an effective date.