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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Fiscal Policy (Bradley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 141 - 386

and insert:

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

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

(3)

(d)1. A student who is initially eligible in the 2017-2018



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11 academic year and thereafter for a Florida Gold Seal CAPE-
12 Vocational Scholars award under s. 1009.536(2) may receive an
13 award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours
14 or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the
15 following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution
16 that offers these specific programs: for an applied technology
17 diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit
18 hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree
19 education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number
20 of hours required for a specific degree, not to exceed 72 credit
21 hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate
22 program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours
23 required for a specific certificate, not to exceed 72 credit
24 hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from
25 one of these program levels to another program level is eligible
26 for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

27 2. A Florida Gold Seal CAPE-Vocational Scholar who
28 completes a technical degree education program as defined in s.
29 1004.02(13) may also receive an award for:

30 a. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of science
31 degree program for which there is a statewide associate in
32 science degree program to bachelor of science degree program
33 articulation agreement; or

34 b. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of applied
35 science degree program at a Florida College System institution.

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

38 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

39 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars



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40 award if he or she ~~the student~~ meets the general eligibility
41 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
42 and ~~the student~~:

43 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as
44 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high
45 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
46 Education as college-preparatory academic courses, and has
47 attained at least the score required under ~~pursuant to~~ s.
48 1009.531(6) (a) on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of
49 the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or
50 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
51 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT
52 Assessment Program;

53 (b) Has attended a home education program according to s.
54 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12, ~~or~~ has completed the
55 International Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the
56 International Baccalaureate Diploma, or has completed the
57 Advanced International Certificate of Education curriculum but
58 failed to earn the Advanced International Certificate of
59 Education Diploma, and has attained at least the score required
60 under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 1009.531(6) (a) on the combined verbal and
61 quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the
62 Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic
63 Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an
64 equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

65 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma
66 from the International Baccalaureate Office or an Advanced
67 International Certificate of Education Diploma from the
68 University of Cambridge International Examinations Office;



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69 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement
70 programs of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a
71 scholar or finalist; or

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

74
75 The A student must complete a program of volunteer community
76 service work, as approved by the district school board, the
77 administrators of a nonpublic school, or the Department of
78 Education for home education program students, which must shall
79 include a minimum of 75 hours of service work for high school
80 students graduating in the 2010-2011 academic year and 100 hours
81 of service work for high school students graduating in the 2011-
82 2012 academic year and thereafter. The student, and must
83 identify a social or civic issue or a professional area problem
84 that interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her
85 personal involvement in addressing the issue or learning about
86 the area problem, and, through papers or other presentations,
87 evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience. Except for
88 credit earned through service-learning courses adopted pursuant
89 to s. 1003.497, the student may not receive remuneration or
90 academic credit for the volunteer service work performed. Such
91 work may include, but is not limited to, a business or
92 governmental internship, work for a nonprofit community service
93 organization, or activities on behalf of a candidate for public
94 office. The hours of volunteer service must be documented in
95 writing, and the document must be signed by the student, the
96 student's parent or guardian, and a representative of the
97 organization for which the student performed the volunteer



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98 service work.

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

101 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.—

102 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars
103 award if he or she ~~the student~~ meets the general eligibility
104 requirements for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program
105 and ~~the student~~:

106 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as
107 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high
108 school courses that are designated by the State Board of
109 Education as college-preparatory academic courses; and has
110 attained at least the score required under ~~pursuant to~~ s.
111 1009.531(6) (b) on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of
112 the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or
113 the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College
114 Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT
115 Assessment Program;

116 (b) Has completed the International Baccalaureate
117 curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate
118 Diploma or has completed the Advanced International Certificate
119 of Education curriculum but failed to earn the Advanced
120 International Certificate of Education Diploma, and has attained
121 at least the score required under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 1009.531(6) (b)
122 on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
123 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
124 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
125 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;

126 (c) Has attended a home education program according to s.



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127 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 and has attained at least the
128 score required under ~~pursuant to~~ s. 1009.531(6) (b) on the
129 combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic
130 Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered
131 Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,
132 or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program, if the
133 student's parent cannot document a college-preparatory
134 curriculum as described in paragraph (a);

135 (d) Has been recognized by the merit or achievement program
136 of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a scholar or
137 finalist but has not completed the a program of volunteer
138 ~~community~~ service work required under ~~as provided in~~ s.
139 1009.534; or

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

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



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

167 Section 5. Section 1009.536, Florida Statutes, is amended
168 to read:

169 1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars and Florida
170 Gold Seal CAPE-Vocational Scholars awards ~~award~~.—The Florida
171 Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award and the Florida Gold Seal
172 CAPE-Vocational Scholars award ~~is~~ created within the Florida
173 Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and reward
174 academic achievement and career preparation by high school
175 students who wish to continue their education.

176 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
177 Vocational Scholars award if he or she ~~the student~~ meets the
178 general eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
179 Scholarship Program and ~~the student~~:

180 (a) Completes the secondary school portion of a sequential
181 program of studies that requires at least three secondary school
182 career credits. On-the-job training may not be substituted for
183 any of the three required career credits.

184 (b) Demonstrates readiness for postsecondary education by



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185 earning a passing score on the Florida College Entry Level
186 Placement Test or its equivalent as identified by the Department
187 of Education.

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

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

195 (e) Beginning with high school students graduating in the
196 2011-2012 academic year and thereafter, completes at least 30
197 hours a program of volunteer community service work approved by
198 the district school board, the administrators of a nonpublic
199 school, or the Department of Education for home education
200 program students. The student must identify, which shall include
201 a minimum of 30 hours of service work, and identifies a social
202 or civic issue or a professional area problem that interests him
203 or her, develop ~~develops~~ a plan for his or her personal
204 involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area
205 problem, and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate
206 ~~evaluates~~ and reflect ~~reflects~~ upon his or her experience.
207 Except for credit earned through service-learning courses
208 adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not receive
209 remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work
210 performed. Such work may include, but is not limited to, a
211 business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit
212 community service organization, or activities on behalf of a
213 candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service must



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214 be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the
215 student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative
216 of the organization for which the student performed the
217 volunteer service work.

218 (2) A high school student graduating in the 2016-2017
219 academic year and thereafter is eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
220 CAPE-Vocational Scholars award if he or she meets the general
221 eligibility requirements for the Florida Bright Futures
222 Scholarship Program, and the student:

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

226 (b) Completes at least 30 hours of volunteer service work
227 approved by the district school board, the administrators of a
228 nonpublic school, or the Department of Education for home
229 education program students. The student must identify a social
230 or civic issue or a professional area that interests him or her,
231 develop a plan for his or her personal involvement in addressing
232 the issue or learning about the area, and, through papers or
233 other presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her
234 experience. Except for credit earned through service-learning
235 courses adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not
236 receive remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer
237 service work performed. Such work may include, but is not
238 limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for a
239 nonprofit community service organization, or activities on
240 behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer
241 service work must be documented in writing, and the document
242 must be signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian,



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243 and a representative of the organization for which the student
244 performed the volunteer service work.

245 (3)~~(2)~~ A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar who is
246 enrolled in a public or nonpublic postsecondary education
247 institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount
248 specified in the General Appropriations Act to assist with the
249 payment of educational expenses.

250 (4)~~(3)~~ To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold
251 Seal Vocational Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent
252 of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with
253 an opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this
254 chapter.

255 (5)~~(4)~~ (a) A student who is initially eligible prior to the
256 2010-2011 academic year may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational
257 Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours
258 required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the
259 equivalent.

260 (b) Students who are initially eligible in the 2010-2011
261 and 2011-2012 academic years may earn a Florida Gold Seal
262 Vocational Scholarship for 100 percent of the number of credit
263 hours required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or
264 the equivalent.

265 (c) A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013
266 academic year and thereafter may earn a Florida Gold Seal
267 Vocational Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the
268 number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to
269 complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic
270 education institution that offers these specific programs: for
271 an applied technology diploma program as defined in s.



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272 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for
273 a technical degree education program as defined in s.

274 1004.02(13), up to the number of hours required for a specific
275 degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours;
276 or for a career certificate program as defined in s.

277 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a specific
278 certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock
279 hours.

280 (d)1. A student who is initially eligible in the 2017-2018
281 academic year and thereafter for a Florida Gold Seal CAPE-
282 Vocational Scholars award under subsection (2) may receive an
283 award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours
284 or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the
285 following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution
286 that offers these specific programs: for an applied technology
287 diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit
288 hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree
289 education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number
290 of hours required for a specific degree, not to exceed 72 credit
291 hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate
292 program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours
293 required for a specific certificate, not to exceed 72 credit
294 hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from
295 one of these program levels to another program level is eligible
296 for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

297 2. A Florida Gold Seal CAPE-Vocational Scholar who
298 completes a technical degree education program as defined in s.
299 1004.02(13) may also receive an award for:

300 a. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of science



301 degree program for which there is a statewide associate in
302 science degree program to bachelor of science degree program
303 articulation agreement; or

304 b. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of applied
305 science degree program at a Florida College System institution.

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

308 And the title is amended as follows:

309 Delete lines 17 - 52

310 and insert:

311 of credits towards specified programs and degree
312 programs; amending ss. 1009.534 and 1009.535, F.S.;
313 requiring a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida
314 Academic Scholars award or the Florida Medallion
315 Scholars award, to identify a civic issue or a
316 professional area of interest and develop a plan for
317 his or her personal involvement in addressing the
318 issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the
319 student from receiving remuneration or academic credit
320 for the volunteer service work performed except in
321 certain circumstances; requiring the hours of
322 volunteer service work to be documented in writing and
323 signed by the student, the student's parent or
324 guardian, and a representative of the organization for
325 which the student performed the volunteer service
326 work; amending s. 1009.536, F.S.; creating the Florida
327 Gold Seal CAPE-Vocational Scholars award within the
328 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; requiring
329 a student, as a prerequisite for the Florida Gold Seal



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330 Vocational Scholars award, to identify a civic issue
331 or a professional area of interest and develop a plan
332 for his or her personal involvement in addressing the
333 issue or learning about the area; prohibiting the
334 student from receiving remuneration or academic credit
335 for the volunteer service work performed except in
336 certain circumstances; requiring the hours of
337 volunteer service work to be documented in writing and
338 signed by the student, the student's parent or
339 guardian, and a representative of the organization for
340 which the student performed the volunteer service
341 work; requiring a high school student graduating in
342 the 2016-2017 academic year to meet certain
343 requirements to be eligible for a Florida Gold Seal
344 CAPE-Vocational Scholars award; providing that certain
345 students may receive an award for a specified number
346 of credits toward specified programs and degree