

By Senator Campbell

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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures
 3 Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.532, F.S.;
 4 revising the criteria for renewal of Florida Bright
 5 Futures Scholarship Program awards to include a
 6 minimum number of volunteer service work hours;
 7 providing applicability; specifying the requirements
 8 for eligible volunteer service work; prohibiting the
 9 use of hours earned from certain work to satisfy the
 10 requirement; requiring that earned volunteer service
 11 work hours be documented in writing and signed by the
 12 student and the individual, or representative of such
 13 individual, or a representative of the organization
 14 for which the work was performed; providing an
 15 exception for a student who enlists in military
 16 service; providing an effective date.

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

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 20 Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of
 21 section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, to read:

22 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
 23 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.-

24 (1) To be eligible to renew a scholarship from any of the
 25 three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures
 26 Scholarship Program, a student must:

27 (d) For a student initially eligible in the 2017-2018
 28 academic term and thereafter, complete at least 30 hours of
 29 volunteer service work during the academic term or summer term.

30 1. The volunteer service work must be performed solely by
 31 the student and may involve, but is not limited to, activities
 32 with any of the following:

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33 a. A nonprofit organization;

34 b. A government agency;

35 c. A school;

36 d. A hospital;

37 e. A retirement facility; or

38 f. A disabled or elderly individual in need of assistance.

39 2. A student may not use hours earned from work with a
40 relative's business or for which the student has received
41 academic credit or remuneration, including money, a gift, or any
42 other benefit, to satisfy the requirement in this paragraph.

43 3. Any earned volunteer service work hours must be
44 documented in writing, and signed by the student and the
45 individual, or his or her representative if the individual is
46 physically unable to sign, or a representative of the
47 organization for which the student performed the volunteer
48 service work.

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50 This paragraph does not apply to a student who enlists in the
51 United States Armed Forces during the academic term or summer
52 term.

53 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.