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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Post-Secondary Education
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Jones offered the following:

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5 **Amendment**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 1009.894, Florida Statutes, is created
 8 to read:

9 1009.894 Sunshine Scholarship Program.—

10 (1) There is established the Sunshine Scholarship Program
 11 to be administered by the Department of Education. The Sunshine
 12 Scholarship Program shall provide funding for 100 percent of
 13 tuition and fees for Florida residents pursuing an associate
 14 degree or career certificate from an eligible postsecondary
 15 institution. "Eligible postsecondary institution" is defined as
 16 a Florida College System institution, a career center operated

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17 by a school district, or a charter technical career center.
18 Financial aid received from the federal Pell grant, the Florida
19 Student Assistance Grant and the Florida Bright Futures
20 Scholarship Program shall be credited first to the student's
21 tuition and fees.

22 (2) To be eligible to receive a scholarship pursuant to
23 this section, a student must:

24 (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes, as defined in s.
25 1009.21.

26 (b) Meet the general requirements for student eligibility
27 as provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this
28 section.

29 (c) Have a total annual household income equal to or less
30 than \$50,000.

31 (d) Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid
32 (FAFSA) for each academic year in which the scholarship is
33 sought.

34 (e) Be accepted by and enroll in an eligible postsecondary
35 institution.

36 (f) Maintain continuous enrollment as a full-time student
37 while receiving the scholarship. "Full-time student" is defined
38 as a student enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours or the
39 clock hour equivalent.

40 (3) Upon completion of his or her program of study or upon
41 disenrollment from an eligible postsecondary institution, the

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42 student must reside and work within the state for the same
43 period of time he or she received funds from the program. If the
44 student does not reside and work within the state for the
45 specified period, the student must repay the total amount
46 awarded, plus an annual interest rate equal to the federal
47 student loan interest rate in effect when the student entered
48 the program. The requirements of this subsection do not apply:

49 (a) When a student enlists in the United States Armed
50 Forces; or

51 (b) While a student is continuously enrolled in a
52 baccalaureate degree program or higher at a Florida
53 postsecondary institution. Once the student graduates or
54 disenrolls from a Florida postsecondary institution, the
55 requirements of this subsection apply.

56 (4) To remain eligible for the program, a student must
57 maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of
58 2.5 on a 4.0 scale while enrolled at an eligible postsecondary
59 institution.

60 (5) The Sunshine Scholarship Program applies only to
61 tuition and fees. Each student is responsible for additional
62 user fees, textbooks, and other college-related expenses.

63 (6) Funding for the program shall be as provided in the
64 General Appropriations Act.

65 (7) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
66 administer this section.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

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