

By the Committee on Education; and Senators Gainer and Perry

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to postsecondary fee waivers; amending
3 s. 1009.26, F.S.; authorizing certain Florida College
4 System institutions serving counties directly impacted
5 by a hurricane to waive out-of-state fees for students
6 for a specified time period; providing requirements;
7 prohibiting certain students enrolled in certain
8 Florida College System institutions who qualify for
9 such fee waivers from being included in the enrollment
10 totals of such institutions for a specified purpose;
11 providing an effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (16) is added to section 1009.26,
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

18 (16) A Florida College System institution that serves
19 counties directly impacted by a hurricane, and whose enrollment
20 decreases by more than 10 percent as a result of such impacts,
21 is authorized to waive out-of-state fees for the purpose of
22 recruiting students for a period of 3 years, beginning 180 days
23 after the date on which the hurricane directly impacted the
24 counties served by the Florida College System institution.

25 (a) A student who qualifies for the waiver under this
26 subsection is eligible to receive the waiver for up to 110
27 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or
28 certificate program for which the student is enrolled. However,
29 he or she may not disenroll from the institution for more than

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30 one semester.

31 (b) Each Florida College institution shall report to the
32 State Board of Education the number and value of all fee waivers
33 granted annually under this subsection.

34 (c) Out-of-state students enrolled under this fee waiver
35 shall not be included in the enrollment totals for these
36 institutions by the Education Estimating Conference on Florida
37 College System Enrollment.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.