

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 reporting  
 7           requirements; providing that students enrolled under  
 8           such fee waivers may not be included in certain  
 9           enrollment totals; providing an effective date.

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

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

15           1009.26 Fee waivers.—

16           (16) A Florida College System institution that serves  
 17 counties directly impacted by a hurricane, and whose enrollment  
 18 decreases by more than 10 percent as a result of such impacts,  
 19 is authorized to waive out-of-state fees for a period of 3 years  
 20 after the hurricane first made landfall for the purpose of  
 21 recruiting students.

22           (a) A student who qualifies for the waiver under this  
 23 subsection is eligible to receive the waiver for up to 110  
 24 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree or  
 25 certificate program for which the student is enrolled. However,

26 | he or she may not disenroll from the institution for more than  
27 | one semester.

28 | (b) Each Florida College System institution shall report  
29 | to the State Board of Education the number and value of all fee  
30 | waivers granted annually under this subsection.

31 | (c) Out-of-state students enrolled under the fee waiver  
32 | granted under this subsection may not be included in the  
33 | enrollment totals for these institutions by the Education  
34 | Estimating Conference on Florida College System Enrollment.

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