

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to an out-of-state fee waiver for
 3 nonresident students; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.;
 4 requiring a state university to waive the out-of-state
 5 fee for a nonresident student who meets certain
 6 requirements; providing applicability; requiring each
 7 state university to report specified information
 8 regarding such out-of-state fee waivers to the Board
 9 of Governors annually; requiring that a student who is
 10 granted such out-of-state fee waiver be excluded from
 11 the limitation on the systemwide total enrollment of
 12 nonresident students; requiring the Board of Governors
 13 to adopt regulations; providing an effective date.

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

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 17 Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 1009.26,
 18 Florida Statutes, to read:

19 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

20 (18) (a) A state university shall waive the out-of-state
 21 fee for a student who:

22 1. Has a grandparent who is a legal resident as defined in
 23 s. 1009.21(1).

24 2. Earns a high school diploma comparable to a standard
 25 Florida high school diploma, or its equivalency, or completes a

26 | home education program.

27 | 3.a. Achieves an SAT combined score no lower than the 89th
28 | national percentile on the SAT;

29 | b. Achieves an ACT score concordant to the required SAT
30 | score in sub-subparagraph a., using the latest published
31 | national concordance table developed jointly by the College
32 | Board and ACT, Inc.; or

33 | c. If a state university accepts the Classic Learning Test
34 | (CLT) for admission purposes, achieves a CLT score concordant to
35 | the required SAT score in sub-subparagraph a., using the latest
36 | published scoring comparison developed by Classic Learning
37 | Initiatives.

38 | 4. Enrolls as a full-time undergraduate student at a state
39 | university in the fall academic term immediately following high
40 | school graduation.

41 | (b) The waiver under this subsection is applicable for up
42 | to 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of the
43 | degree program for which the student is enrolled.

44 | (c) Prior to waiving the out-of-state fee, the state
45 | university shall require the student or the student's parent, if
46 | the student is a dependent child, to provide a written
47 | declaration pursuant to s. 92.525(2) verifying the student's
48 | familial relationship to a grandparent who is a legal resident.

49 | (d) Each state university shall report to the Board of
50 | Governors the number and value of all fee waivers granted

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51 annually under this subsection.

52 (e) A nonresident student granted an out-of-state fee
53 waiver under this subsection shall be excluded from the
54 limitation on systemwide total enrollment of nonresident
55 students established by regulation of the Board of Governors.

56 (f) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
57 administer this subsection.

58 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.