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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Gruters) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1009.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program; eligibility for grants.—

(2)~~(a)~~ Florida postsecondary student assistance grants may be made ~~only to full-time degree-seeking~~ students who meet the



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11 general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.  
12 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this section. Such  
13 grants shall be awarded for the amount of demonstrated unmet  
14 need for tuition and fees and may not exceed the maximum annual  
15 award amount specified in the General Appropriations Act. A  
16 demonstrated unmet need of less than \$200 shall render the  
17 applicant ineligible for a Florida postsecondary student  
18 assistance grant.

19 (a) Awards may be made to full-time degree-seeking students  
20 who ~~Recipients of such grants must~~ have been accepted at a  
21 postsecondary institution that is located in this state and that  
22 is:

23 1. A private nursing diploma school approved by the Florida  
24 Board of Nursing; or

25 2. A college or university licensed by the Commission for  
26 Independent Education, excluding those institutions the students  
27 of which are eligible to receive a Florida private student  
28 assistance grant pursuant to s. 1009.51.

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30 If funds are available, a student who received an award in the  
31 fall or spring term may receive an award in the summer term.  
32 Priority in the distribution of summer awards shall be given to  
33 students who are within one semester of completing a degree or  
34 certificate program. No student may receive an award for more  
35 than the equivalent of 9 semesters or 14 quarters of full-time  
36 enrollment, except as otherwise provided in s. 1009.40(3).

37 (b) Awards may be made to full-time degree-seeking students  
38 who have been accepted at a competency-based nonprofit virtual  
39 postsecondary institution that is accredited by a member of the



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40 Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions and is created by  
41 the governors of several states, has established and continually  
42 maintains a location of operation in this state, and maintains a  
43 governing body or advisory board in this state.

44 (c) A student applying for a Florida postsecondary student  
45 assistance grant shall be required to apply for the Pell Grant.  
46 The Pell Grant entitlement shall be considered when conducting  
47 an assessment of the financial resources available to each  
48 student.

49 ~~(d)~~ Priority in the distribution of grant moneys may be  
50 given to students who are within one semester of completing a  
51 degree or certificate program. An institution may not make a  
52 grant from this program to a student whose expected family  
53 contribution exceeds one and one-half times the maximum Pell  
54 Grant-eligible family contribution. An institution may not  
55 impose additional criteria to determine a student's eligibility  
56 to receive a grant award.

57 ~~(e)~~ Each participating institution shall report to the  
58 department by the established date the students eligible for the  
59 program for each academic term. Each institution shall also  
60 report to the department necessary demographic and eligibility  
61 data for such students.

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

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64 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

65 And the title is amended as follows:

66 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
67 and insert:

68 A bill to be entitled



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An act relating to the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.; revising eligibility for the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program; providing an effective date.