

By Senator Gruters

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Postsecondary Student
3 Assistance Grant Program; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.;
4 expanding grant eligibility to certificate-seeking
5 students; expanding the postsecondary institution list
6 for grant-eligible students to include institutions
7 licensed by the Commission for Independent Education
8 which prepare students to obtain Airframe and
9 Powerplant certification from the Federal Aviation
10 Administration; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
15 1009.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

16 1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant
17 Program; eligibility for grants.-

18 (2) (a) Florida postsecondary student assistance grants may
19 be made only to full-time degree-seeking students who meet the
20 general requirements for student eligibility as provided in s.
21 1009.40 or to certificate-seeking students, except as otherwise
22 provided in this section. Such grants shall be awarded for the
23 amount of demonstrated unmet need for tuition and fees and may
24 not exceed the maximum annual award amount specified in the
25 General Appropriations Act. A demonstrated unmet need of less
26 than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible for a Florida
27 postsecondary student assistance grant. Recipients of such
28 grants must have been accepted at a postsecondary institution
29 that is located in this state and that is:

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30 1. A private nursing diploma school approved by the Florida
31 Board of Nursing; ~~or~~

32 2. A college or university licensed by the Commission for
33 Independent Education, excluding those institutions the students
34 of which are eligible to receive a Florida private student
35 assistance grant pursuant to s. 1009.51; or

36 3. An institution licensed by the Commission for
37 Independent Education which prepares students to obtain Airframe
38 and Powerplant certification from the Federal Aviation
39 Administration.

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

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