

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Post-Secondary Education &
2 Lifelong Learning Subcommittee
3 Representative Smith, D. offered the following:
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Amendment (with title amendment)

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

9 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

10 (18) The State University Free Seat Program is created to
11 encourage veterans, active duty members of the United States
12 Armed Forces, active drilling members of the Florida National
13 Guard, and nontraditional students to enroll in an online
14 baccalaureate degree program at a state university.

15 (a) A state university shall waive the tuition and fees,
16 including lab fees, for one online course for a student who is a

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17 resident for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21 and enrolled in
18 an online baccalaureate degree program, provided the student
19 meets one of the following eligibility requirements:

20 1. Is a veteran as defined in s. 1.01(14);

21 2. Is an active duty member of the United States Armed
22 Forces;

23 3. Is an active drilling member of the Florida National
24 Guard; or

25 4. Has not been enrolled in a postsecondary institution for
26 more than five years.

27 (b) For all other courses in the program, a state
28 university may not charge a student specified in paragraph (a)
29 more than 75 percent of the tuition rate as specified in s.
30 1009.24(4) and 75 percent of the tuition differential pursuant
31 to s. 1009.24(16), if the student remains enrolled in at least
32 one online course during each academic year.

33 (c) A student who qualifies for the tuition discount under
34 paragraph (b) is eligible to receive the discount for up to 110
35 percent of the number of required credit hours of the degree
36 program for which the student is enrolled.

37 (d) Each state university shall report to the Board of
38 Governors the number and value of all fee waivers granted
39 annually under this subsection.

40 (e) The Board of Governors shall adopt regulations to
41 administer this subsection.

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

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Remove line 3 and insert:

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Program; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; creating the