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The Committee on Education (Baxley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Section 1006.75, Florida Statutes, is created to  
read:

1006.75 State university career planning and information.-  
(1) To assist students and families in making better-  
informed decisions about educational options and future  
employment opportunities, the Board of Governors of the State  
University System shall publicly publish an online dashboard.



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12 The dashboard must present data, by academic discipline, of  
13 graduates of state universities, including at least the  
14 following information:

15 (a) Post-graduation median salary 1, 5, and 10 years after  
16 graduation;

17 (b) Median student loan debt;

18 (c) Debt-to-income ratio;

19 (d) Estimated monthly loan payment as a percentage of gross  
20 monthly income; and

21 (e) The percentage of graduates who have continued their  
22 education beyond the baccalaureate level.

23 (2) The online dashboard must be available by January 1,  
24 2022. A link to the dashboard shall be prominently displayed on  
25 each state university's office of admissions website.

26 (3) (a) Each state university board of trustees shall adopt  
27 procedures to connect undergraduate students to career planning,  
28 coaching, and related programs during the first academic year of  
29 the student's enrollment. Such procedures must be approved by  
30 the Board of Governors and include placing a hold on student  
31 registration before the end of the first year of each student's  
32 enrollment. To lift the hold and register for classes, each  
33 student shall:

34 1. Register with the university's career center;

35 2. Complete a career readiness training module provided by  
36 the career center; and

37 3. Be directed to the dashboard established in subsection  
38 (1).

39 (b) The Board of Governors of the State University System  
40 shall review and approve each university's procedures by March



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41 1, 2022.

42 Section 2. Paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (1) of  
43 section 1009.25, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

44 1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

45 (1) The following students are exempt from the payment of  
46 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that  
47 provides workforce education programs, Florida College System  
48 institution, or state university:

49 (c) A student who is,    or was at the time he or she reached  
50 18 years of age,    in the custody of the Department of Children  
51 and Families or who, after spending at least 6 months in the  
52 custody of the department after reaching 16 years of age, was  
53 placed in a guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes  
54 fees associated with enrollment in applied academics for adult  
55 education instruction. The exemption remains valid until the  
56 student reaches 28 years of age.

57 (d) A student who is,    or was at the time he or she reached  
58 18 years of age,    in the custody of a relative or nonrelative  
59 under s. 39.5085 or s. 39.6225 or who was adopted from the  
60 Department of Children and Families after May 5, 1997. Such  
61 exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in applied  
62 academics for adult education instruction. The exemption remains  
63 valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.

64 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
65 1009.40, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (c) is  
66 added to that subsection, to read:

67 1009.40 General requirements for student eligibility for  
68 state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants.—

69 (1) (a) The general requirements for eligibility of students



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70 for state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants  
71 consist of the following:

72 1. Achievement of the academic requirements of and  
73 acceptance at a state university or Florida College System  
74 institution; a nursing diploma school approved by the Florida  
75 Board of Nursing; a Florida college or university which is  
76 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State  
77 Board of Education; a Florida institution the credits of which  
78 are acceptable for transfer to state universities; a career  
79 center; or a private career institution accredited by an  
80 accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of Education.

81 2. Residency in this state for no less than 1 year  
82 preceding the award of aid or a tuition assistance grant for a  
83 program established pursuant to s. 1009.50, s. 1009.505, s.  
84 1009.51, s. 1009.52, s. 1009.53, s. 1009.60, s. 1009.62, s.  
85 1009.71, s. 1009.711, s. 1009.72, s. 1009.73, s. 1009.75, s.  
86 1009.77, s. 1009.89, ~~s. 1009.891,~~ or s. 1009.894. Residency  
87 in this state must be for purposes other than to obtain an  
88 education. Resident status for purposes of receiving state  
89 financial aid awards shall be determined in the same manner as  
90 resident status for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21.

91 3. Submission of certification attesting to the accuracy,  
92 completeness, and correctness of information provided to  
93 demonstrate a student's eligibility to receive state financial  
94 aid awards or tuition assistance grants. Falsification of such  
95 information shall result in the denial of a pending application  
96 and revocation of an award or grant currently held to the extent  
97 that no further payments shall be made. Additionally, students  
98 who knowingly make false statements in order to receive state



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99 financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants commit a  
100 misdemeanor of the second degree subject to the provisions of s.  
101 837.06 and shall be required to return all state financial aid  
102 awards or tuition assistance grants wrongfully obtained.

103 (c) Eligibility for funding for state merit-based  
104 scholarship program awards under the Bright Futures Scholarship  
105 Program and the Benacquisto Scholarship Program is contingent  
106 upon a student meeting the minimum requirements specified in  
107 paragraphs (a) and (b) and any additional requirements specified  
108 in ss. 1009.531, 1009.532, 1009.534, 1009.535, 1009.536, and  
109 1009.893, subject to the following:

110 1. Beginning with students who initially receive an award  
111 in the 2023-2024 academic year:

112 a. A student enrolled in an associate in arts degree  
113 program, or a student enrolled in a state university who has not  
114 been admitted to an academic program, may receive an award up to  
115 the maximum amount established for the scholarship program for a  
116 maximum of 60 credit hours.

117 b. A student enrolled in a certificate program, technical  
118 diploma program, career degree program, or major as a part of a  
119 baccalaureate degree program:

120 (I) May receive an award up to the maximum amount  
121 established for the program if the certificate, diploma, career  
122 degree, or major is not identified on the list established  
123 pursuant to s. 1009.46(2)(a).

124 (II) May receive a reduced award from the maximum  
125 established for the program in the General Appropriations Act if  
126 the certificate, diploma, career degree, or major is identified  
127 on the list established pursuant to s. 1009.46(2)(a).



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128        2. Student eligibility for a reduced award from the maximum  
129 award established for the scholarship program, as determined in  
130 the General Appropriations Act, applies to a program of study  
131 that was identified on the list pursuant to s. 1009.46(2)(a) at  
132 the time of the student's initial enrollment, or if the student  
133 changes his or her major program to a program identified on the  
134 list. A student may receive a maximum award established for the  
135 program if the program of study is removed from the list after  
136 the student's initial enrollment, but before the student's  
137 admission to the major.

138        3. Before disbursement of an award, each postsecondary  
139 educational institution shall verify that the funding level a  
140 student is provided aligns with the provisions established in  
141 this paragraph.

142        Section 4. Section 1009.46, Florida Statutes, is created to  
143 read:

144        1009.46 Duties relating to state financial aid and tuition  
145 assistance programs.—

146        (1)(a) Each postsecondary educational institution that  
147 receives state funds for state financial aid and tuition  
148 assistance programs shall:

149        1. Complete and return the annual application for state aid  
150 funds in the format and by the date established by the  
151 Department of Education;

152        2. Maintain complete, accurate, and auditable student  
153 records documenting the institution's administration of state  
154 financial aid and tuition assistance funds;

155        3. Verify eligibility of enrolled students with the  
156 department each academic term;



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157        4. Report each student's program of study to the department  
158 using the most recent classification of instructional programs  
159 taxonomy for the certificate or degree level as developed by the  
160 United States Department of Education's National Center for  
161 Education Statistics;

162        5. Disburse state financial aid and tuition assistance to  
163 eligible students;

164        6. Notify students annually regarding the renewal  
165 requirements for each state-funded award for which they are  
166 eligible;

167        7. Complete and return to the department all reports for  
168 the administration of state funds in the format and by the date  
169 established by the department;

170        8. Complete and return to the department all legislatively  
171 required reports in the format and by the date established by  
172 the department;

173        9. Retain required records for the later of 5 years or  
174 until such records are audited and any audit exceptions are  
175 resolved; and

176        10. Refund to the department any undisbursed advances  
177 within 60 days after the end of the regular registration period  
178 each fall and spring term, within 30 days after the end of the  
179 summer term, or within 60 days after the date a student's  
180 ineligibility is determined.

181        (b) These requirements do not preclude higher standards  
182 specified in other sections of this part or rules of the State  
183 Board of Education.

184        (c) An institution that fails to perform its duties in  
185 administering state financial aid or tuition assistance programs



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186 must be placed on probation by the department.

187 1. The department shall provide allocations on a  
188 reimbursement basis to a participating institution that fails to  
189 timely remit undisbursed funds for the previous academic year.

190 2. The department may suspend or revoke an institution's  
191 eligibility to participate in state-funded programs if the  
192 institution fails to provide the required audits, fails to  
193 resolve audit findings, or fails to timely provide statutorily  
194 required reports by established deadlines.

195 (2) (a) By December 31, 2021, the Board of Governors, the  
196 State Board of Education, and the Independent Colleges and  
197 Universities of Florida shall each identify and publish a list  
198 of career certificate and undergraduate and graduate degree  
199 programs offered by a district career center, charter technical  
200 career center, Florida College System institution, independent  
201 college or university, or state university, as applicable, which  
202 do not lead directly to employment.

203 (b) In determining which programs will be included on a  
204 list, the Board of Governors, the State Board of Education, and  
205 the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida shall  
206 consider national, state, and regional industry demand for  
207 certificateholders and graduates of such degree programs. For  
208 each certificate and degree program listed, the Board of  
209 Governors and the State Board of Education must identify  
210 occupations, current job openings, estimates of job growth, and  
211 employment wages. The State Board of Education list must include  
212 programs at independent colleges and universities licensed by  
213 the Commission for Independent Education.

214 (c) The Board of Governors, the State Board of Education,





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215 and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida must  
216 publish the methodology used in determining whether programs  
217 were included on a list.

218 (d) The respective lists must be updated annually, by  
219 December 31, to be effective in the next academic year.

220 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection  
221 (5) of section 1009.50, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
222 1009.50 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program;  
223 eligibility for grants.—

224 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Public  
225 Student Assistance Grant Program shall be distributed to  
226 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula approved by  
227 the State Board of Education. The formula must consider at least  
228 the prior year's distribution of funds and, the number of  
229 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, ~~the~~  
230 ~~standardization of the expected family contribution, and~~  
231 ~~provisions for unused funds.~~ The formula must account for  
232 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
233 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section  
234 and ss. 1009.505, 1009.51, and 1009.52.

235 ~~(5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for state student~~  
236 ~~assistance grants may be deposited in the State Student~~  
237 ~~Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and~~  
238 ~~pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end~~  
239 ~~of any fiscal year which has been allocated to the Florida~~  
240 ~~Public Student Assistance Grant Program shall remain therein and~~  
241 ~~shall be available for carrying out the purposes of this~~  
242 ~~section.~~

243 Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 1009.505, Florida



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244 Statutes, is amended to read:

245 1009.505 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education  
246 Student Assistance Grant Program.—

247 ~~(5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for state student~~  
248 ~~assistance grants may be deposited in the State Student~~  
249 ~~Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and~~  
250 ~~pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end~~  
251 ~~of any fiscal year which has been allocated to the Florida~~  
252 ~~Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant~~  
253 ~~Program shall remain therein and shall be available for carrying~~  
254 ~~out the purposes of this section.~~

255 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection  
256 (5) of section 1009.51, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

257 1009.51 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program;  
258 eligibility for grants.—

259 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Private  
260 Student Assistance Grant Program shall be distributed to  
261 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula approved by  
262 the State Board of Education. The formula must consider at least  
263 the prior year's distribution of funds and, the number of  
264 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, ~~the~~  
265 ~~standardization of the expected family contribution, and~~  
266 ~~provisions for unused funds.~~ The formula must account for  
267 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
268 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section  
269 and ss. 1009.50, 1009.505, and 1009.52.

270 ~~(5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for Florida~~  
271 ~~private student assistance grants may be deposited in the State~~  
272 ~~Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding s.~~



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273 ~~216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust~~  
274 ~~fund at the end of any fiscal year which has been allocated to~~  
275 ~~the Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program shall~~  
276 ~~remain therein and shall be available for carrying out the~~  
277 ~~purposes of this section and as otherwise provided by law.~~

278 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection  
279 (6) of section 1009.52, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

280 1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant  
281 Program; eligibility for grants.—

282 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Postsecondary  
283 Student Assistance Grant Program shall be distributed to  
284 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula approved by  
285 the State Board of Education. The formula must consider at least  
286 the prior year's distribution of funds and, the number of  
287 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, ~~the~~  
288 ~~standardization of the expected family contribution, and~~  
289 ~~provisions for unused funds.~~ The formula must account for  
290 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
291 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section  
292 and ss. 1009.50, 1009.505, and 1009.51.

293 ~~(6) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for Florida~~  
294 ~~postsecondary student assistance grants may be deposited in the~~  
295 ~~State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding~~  
296 ~~s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust~~  
297 ~~fund at the end of any fiscal year which has been allocated to~~  
298 ~~the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program shall~~  
299 ~~remain therein and shall be available for carrying out the~~  
300 ~~purposes of this section and as otherwise provided by law.~~

301 Section 9. Subsections (3), (4), and (7) of section



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302 1009.53, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

303 1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.—

304 (3) The Department of Education shall administer the Bright  
305 Futures Scholarship Program according to rules and procedures  
306 established by the State Board of Education. A single  
307 application must be sufficient for a student to apply for any of  
308 the awards. The department shall advertise the availability of  
309 the scholarship program and shall notify students, teachers,  
310 parents, certified school counselors, and principals or other  
311 relevant school administrators of the criteria and application  
312 procedures. The department must begin this process of  
313 notification no later than September ~~January~~ 1 of each year.

314 (4) Funding for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program must  
315 be allocated from the Education Enhancement Trust Fund and must  
316 be provided before allocations from that fund are calculated for  
317 disbursement to other educational entities.

318 ~~(a)~~ If funds appropriated are not adequate to provide the  
319 maximum allowable award to each eligible applicant, awards in  
320 all components of the program must be prorated using the same  
321 percentage reduction.

322 ~~(b) Notwithstanding s. 216.301, if all funds allocated to~~  
323 ~~the Bright Futures Scholarship Program are not used in any~~  
324 ~~fiscal year, up to 10 percent of the total allocation may be~~  
325 ~~carried forward and used for awards in the following year.~~

326 (7) A student may receive only one type of award from the  
327 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at any given time,  
328 but may transfer from one type of award to another through the  
329 renewal application process, if the student's eligibility status  
330 changes. However, a student is not eligible to transfer from a



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331 Florida Medallion Scholarship, a Florida Gold Seal CAPE  
332 Scholarship, or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship to a  
333 Florida Academic Scholarship. ~~A student who receives an award  
334 from the program may also receive a federal family education  
335 loan or a federal direct loan, and the value of the award must  
336 be considered in the certification or calculation of the  
337 student's loan eligibility.~~

338 Section 10. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (3) of  
339 section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, to read:

340 1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
341 student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.-

342 (3)

343 (c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), beginning with students  
344 initially funded in the 2022-2023 academic year, the maximum  
345 number of credit hours which can be awarded must be reduced by  
346 the number of postsecondary credit hours the student has earned  
347 from articulated acceleration mechanisms under s. 1007.27 which  
348 are accepted by the postsecondary educational institution toward  
349 the requirements of a career certificate, an applied technology  
350 diploma, an associate in applied science degree, or an associate  
351 in science degree or in partial fulfillment of general education  
352 coursework requirements of an associate or baccalaureate degree.

353 Section 11. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1009.534,  
354 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

355 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.-

356 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars  
357 award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements  
358 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and:

359 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as



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360 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high  
361 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
362 Education as college-preparatory academic courses and has  
363 attained at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6) (a) ~~on~~  
364 ~~the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~  
365 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
366 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,~~  
367 ~~or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

368 (b) Has attended a home education program according to s.  
369 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12, has completed the International  
370 Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the International  
371 Baccalaureate Diploma, or has completed the Advanced  
372 International Certificate of Education curriculum but failed to  
373 earn the Advanced International Certificate of Education  
374 Diploma, and has attained at least the score required under s.  
375 1009.531(6) (a) ~~on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of~~  
376 ~~the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or~~  
377 ~~the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College~~  
378 ~~Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT~~  
379 ~~Assessment Program;~~

380 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma  
381 from the International Baccalaureate Office or an Advanced  
382 International Certificate of Education Diploma from the  
383 University of Cambridge International Examinations Office;

384 (d) Has been recognized by ~~the merit or achievement~~  
385 ~~programs~~ of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a  
386 scholar or finalist; ~~or~~

387 (e) Has been granted academic honors by one or more of the  
388 College Board National Recognition Programs for students from



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389 underrepresented communities; or recognized by the National  
390 Hispanic Recognition Program as a scholar recipient

391 (f) For a high school student who graduated in the 2021-  
392 2022 academic year and thereafter:

393 1. Has earned an associate degree with a minimum  
394 postsecondary cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0  
395 scale before graduating from high school; or

396 2. Has earned a College Board Advanced Placement Capstone  
397 Diploma with scores of 4 or higher on six Advanced Placement  
398 examinations.

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400 The student must complete a program of volunteer service work,  
401 as approved by the district school board, the administrators of  
402 a nonpublic school, or the Department of Education for home  
403 education program students, which must include a minimum of 75  
404 hours of service work for high school students graduating in the  
405 2010-2011 academic year and 100 hours of service work for high  
406 school students graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year and  
407 thereafter. The student must identify a social or civic issue or  
408 a professional area that interests him or her, develop a plan  
409 for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or  
410 learning about the area, and, through papers or other  
411 presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience.  
412 Except for credit earned through service-learning courses  
413 adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not receive  
414 remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work  
415 performed. Such work may include, but is not limited to, a  
416 business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit  
417 community service organization, or activities on behalf of a



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418 candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service must  
419 be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the  
420 student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative  
421 of the organization for which the student performed the  
422 volunteer service work.

423 (2) A Florida Academic Scholar who is enrolled in a  
424 certificate, diploma, associate, or baccalaureate degree program  
425 at a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational ~~education~~  
426 institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount  
427 specified necessary to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees  
428 ~~established under ss. 1009.22(3), (5), (6), and (7); 1009.23(3),~~  
429 ~~(4), (7), (8), (10), and (11); and 1009.24(4), (7)-(13),~~  
430 ~~(14)(r), and (16), as applicable, and is eligible for an~~  
431 ~~additional stipend for textbooks, to assist with the payment of~~  
432 ~~educational expenses as funds are specifically appropriated in~~  
433 the General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of  
434 educational expenses.

435 Section 12. Section 1009.5341, Florida Statutes, is amended  
436 to read:

437 1009.5341 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship awards for  
438 graduate study.—

439 (1) For the 2021-2022 academic year, Florida Bright Futures  
440 Scholarship recipients ~~who graduate in the 2010-2011 academic~~  
441 ~~year and thereafter with a baccalaureate degree in 7 semesters,~~  
442 ~~or the equivalent or fewer hours, and wish to pursue graduate~~  
443 ~~study~~ may apply the unused portion of their Florida Academic  
444 Scholars award or Florida Medallion Scholars award toward ~~±~~  
445 ~~semester of graduate study, not to exceed 15 semester hours paid~~  
446 at the undergraduate rate. ~~A baccalaureate degree may include,~~





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447 ~~but is not limited to, college credits earned through~~  
448 ~~articulated acceleration mechanisms pursuant to s. 1007.27.~~

449 (2) Beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, a Florida  
450 Bright Futures Scholarship recipient may apply the unused  
451 portion of his or her Florida Academic Scholars award or Florida  
452 Medallion Scholars award toward graduate study in a degree field  
453 that is not identified on a list developed pursuant to s.  
454 1009.46(2)(a), which must be paid at the undergraduate rate.

455 Section 13. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1009.535,  
456 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

457 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.-

458 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars  
459 award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements  
460 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and:

461 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as  
462 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high  
463 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
464 Education as college-preparatory academic courses and has  
465 attained at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6)(b) ~~on~~  
466 ~~the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~  
467 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
468 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,~~  
469 ~~or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

470 (b) Has completed the International Baccalaureate  
471 curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate  
472 Diploma or has completed the Advanced International Certificate  
473 of Education curriculum but failed to earn the Advanced  
474 International Certificate of Education Diploma, and has attained  
475 at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6)(b) ~~on the~~



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476 ~~combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~  
477 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
478 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,~~  
479 ~~or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

480 (c) Has attended a home education program according to s.  
481 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 and has attained at least the  
482 score required under s. 1009.531(6) (b) ~~on the combined verbal~~  
483 ~~and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the~~  
484 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic~~  
485 ~~Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an~~  
486 ~~equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

487 (d) Has been recognized by the ~~merit or achievement program~~  
488 ~~of the~~ National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a scholar or  
489 finalist but has not completed the program of volunteer service  
490 work required under s. 1009.534; ~~or~~

491 (e) Has been granted academic honors by one or more of the  
492 College Board National Recognition Programs for students from  
493 underrepresented communities ~~recognized by the National Hispanic~~  
494 ~~Recognition Program as a scholar,~~ but has not completed the  
495 program of volunteer service work required under s. 1009.534; or

496 (f) For a high school student who graduates in the 2021-  
497 2022 academic year and thereafter:

498 1. Has earned an associate degree with a minimum cumulative  
499 postsecondary grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale before  
500 graduating from high school; or

501 2. Has earned an Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma with  
502 scores of 3 or higher on six Advanced Placement Examinations.

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504 A high school student graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year



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505 and thereafter must complete at least 75 hours of volunteer  
506 service work approved by the district school board, the  
507 administrators of a nonpublic school, or the Department of  
508 Education for home education program students. The student must  
509 identify a social or civic issue or a professional area that  
510 interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal  
511 involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area,  
512 and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect  
513 upon his or her experience. Except for credit earned through  
514 service-learning courses adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the  
515 student may not receive remuneration or academic credit for  
516 volunteer service work performed. Such work may include, but is  
517 not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for  
518 a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on  
519 behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer  
520 service must be documented in writing, and the document must be  
521 signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a  
522 representative of the organization for which the student  
523 performed the volunteer service work.

524 (2) A Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in a  
525 certificate, diploma, associate, or baccalaureate degree program  
526 at a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational ~~education~~  
527 institution is eligible, ~~beginning in the fall 2018 semester,~~  
528 for an award equal to the amount specified in the General  
529 Appropriations Act necessary to pay 75 percent of tuition and  
530 ~~fees established under ss. 1009.22(3), (5), (6), and (7);~~  
531 ~~1009.23(3), (4), (7), (8), (10), and (11); and 1009.24(4), (7)-~~  
532 ~~(13), (14)(r), and (16), as applicable,~~ to assist with the  
533 payment of educational expenses. Beginning in the fall 2021



534 semester, a Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in an  
535 associate degree program at a Florida College System institution  
536 is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the  
537 General Appropriations Act necessary to pay 100 percent of  
538 tuition and fees established under s. 1009.23(3), (4), (7), (8),  
539 (10), and (11) to assist with the payment of educational  
540 expenses.

541 Section 14. Section 1009.71, Florida Statutes, is created  
542 to read:

543 1009.71 Florida Bright Opportunities Grant Program.-

544 (1) ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE.-The Florida Bright  
545 Opportunities Grant Program is established and shall be  
546 administered by the participating institutions in accordance  
547 with rules of the State Board of Education. The program shall  
548 provide an award equal to the amount necessary to cover tuition  
549 and registration fees, after applying all other federal and  
550 state financial aid, for eligible students at a Florida College  
551 System institution, a career center operated by a district  
552 school board under s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career  
553 center under s. 1002.34.

554 (2) ELIGIBILITY.-In order to be eligible for the program, a  
555 student must have a tuition and registration fee balance not  
556 covered by all federal financial and state financial aid, and:

557 (a) Be enrolled as a student seeking a degree or career  
558 certificate in an associate degree, technical certificate,  
559 applied technology diploma, or clock hour certificate program at  
560 a Florida College System institution, or a clock hour career  
561 certificate or diploma program at a district career center or  
562 charter technical career center. The students must be enrolled



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563 for at least 6 semester hours or the equivalent per term at a  
564 Florida College System institution, district career center, or  
565 charter technical career center;

566 (b) Meet the requirements under s. 1009.40(1)(a)2. and 3.  
567 and (c); and

568 (c) Qualify and remain eligible each academic year for the  
569 Pell Grant.

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571 An institution may not impose additional criteria to determine a  
572 student's eligibility to receive a grant under this section.

573 (3) GRANT AWARD.—The program shall:

574 (a) Cover remaining tuition and registration fees, with a  
575 stipend for books as specified in the General Appropriations  
576 Act, for eligible students after all other federal and state  
577 financial aid is applied to tuition and fees.

578 (b) Be allocated, subject to the availability of funding,  
579 on a first-come, first-served basis. The award may not exceed  
580 the cost of tuition and fees at that institution, plus a stipend  
581 for books as determined in the General Appropriations Act.

582 Returning students shall receive priority over new students.

583 (4) AWARD DURATION.—A student is eligible to receive an  
584 award for the number of semesters or quarters specified in s.  
585 1009.40(3).

586 (5) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

587 (a) The funds appropriated for the program must be  
588 distributed to eligible institutions in accordance with a  
589 formula approved by the State Board of Education. The formula  
590 must take into account at least the prior year's distribution of  
591 funds and the number of eligible applicants who did not receive



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592 awards.

593 (b) Subject to appropriation by the Legislature, payment of  
594 grants must be transmitted to the institution in advance of the  
595 registration period. Institutions shall notify students of the  
596 amount of their awards.

597 (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive a  
598 disbursement must be determined by each institution as of the  
599 end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a drop-add  
600 period. Institutions may not be required to reevaluate a  
601 student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of  
602 changing eligibility determinations previously made.

603 (d) Each participating institution shall report to the  
604 department by the established date the number of students  
605 eligible for the program for each academic term. Each  
606 institution also shall report to the department any necessary  
607 demographic and eligibility data for such students.

608 (e) Institutions shall certify to the department within 30  
609 days after the end of regular registration each term the amount  
610 of funds disbursed to each student. Institutions shall remit to  
611 the department any undisbursed advances for the fall, spring,  
612 and summer terms within 30 days after the end of the summer  
613 term.

614 (6) RULES.—The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
615 to implement this section.

616 Section 15. Section 1009.711, Florida Statutes, is created  
617 to read:

618 1009.711 Florida Endeavor Scholarship Program.—

619 (1) ESTABLISHMENT; PURPOSE.—The Florida Endeavor  
620 Scholarship Program is established and shall be administered by



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621 participating institutions in accordance with rules of the State  
622 Board of Education. The program shall provide an award equal to  
623 the amount necessary to cover tuition, registration, and testing  
624 fees, including high school equivalency diploma test fees, for  
625 eligible students at a Florida College System institution, a  
626 career center operated by a district school board under s.  
627 1001.44, or a charter technical career center under s. 1002.34.

628 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—In order to be eligible for the program, a  
629 student may not have earned a high school credential before  
630 enrolling at the institution, and must:

631 (a) Be enrolled in a career certificate or noncollege-  
632 credit applied technology diploma program or in a General  
633 Education Program at a Florida College System institution, a  
634 district career center, or a charter technical career center;

635 (b) Meet the requirements under s. 1009.40(1)(a)2. and 3.  
636 and (c);

637 (c) Demonstrate readiness for enrollment in a postsecondary  
638 clock hour program. The student shall:

639 1. Meet the basic skills assessment requirement for the  
640 certificate or diploma program;

641 2. Demonstrate grade 9 level or above literacy and numeracy  
642 skills on an assessment approved by the State Board of Education  
643 for basic skills; or

644 3. Enroll for at least one term in a school district or  
645 Florida College System institution Integrated Education and  
646 Training program.

647 (d) To maintain eligibility after the initial term of  
648 enrollment, a student must demonstrate progress toward the  
649 completion of a clock hour certificate or diploma program



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650 through attendance and successful completion of program  
651 standards. A student who does not maintain attendance and  
652 progress toward completion of courses in the program is not  
653 eligible for a renewal award.

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655 An institution may not impose additional criteria to determine a  
656 student's initial eligibility to receive a grant under this  
657 section.

658 (3) SCHOLARSHIP AWARD.—A student is eligible to receive an  
659 award equal to the amount to cover tuition and registration fees  
660 for a career certificate or applied technology diploma program  
661 for the number of semesters or quarters specified in s.  
662 1009.40(3). The award may not exceed the cost of tuition and  
663 registration fees at that institution. The institution shall  
664 award scholarships subject to the availability of funding, on a  
665 first-come, first-served basis. Returning students must be given  
666 priority over new students.

667 (4) DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS.—

668 (a) The funds appropriated for the program must be  
669 distributed to eligible institutions in accordance with a  
670 formula approved by the State Board of Education. The formula  
671 must take into account at least the prior year's distribution of  
672 funds and the number of eligible applicants who did not receive  
673 awards.

674 (b) Subject to the appropriation of funds by the  
675 Legislature, the department shall transmit payment of grants to  
676 the institution in advance of the registration period.  
677 Institutions shall notify students of the amount of their  
678 awards.





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679       (c) The eligibility status of each student to receive a  
680 disbursement must be determined by each institution as of the  
681 end of its regular registration period, inclusive of a drop-add  
682 period. Institutions may not be required to reevaluate a  
683 student's eligibility status after this date for purposes of  
684 changing eligibility determinations previously made.

685       (d) Each participating institution shall report to the  
686 department by the established date the number of students  
687 eligible for the program for each academic term. Each  
688 institution also shall report to the department any necessary  
689 demographic and eligibility data for such students.

690       (e) Institutions shall certify to the department within 30  
691 days after the end of regular registration each term the amount  
692 of funds disbursed to each student. Institutions shall remit to  
693 the department any undisbursed advances for the fall, spring,  
694 and summer terms within 30 days after the end of the summer  
695 term.

696       (5) RULES.—The State Board of Education shall adopt rules  
697 to implement this section.

698       Section 16. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and subsection  
699 (5) of section 1009.893, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

700       1009.893 Benacquisto Scholarship Program.—

701       (4) In order to be eligible for an initial award under the  
702 scholarship program, a student must meet the requirements of  
703 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

704       (b) A student who initially enrolls in a baccalaureate  
705 degree program in the 2018-2019 through 2021-2022 academic years  
706 ~~year or later~~ and who is not a resident of this state, as  
707 determined in s. 1009.40 and rules of the State Board of



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708 Education, must:

709 1. Physically reside in this state on or near the campus of  
710 the postsecondary educational institution in which the student  
711 is enrolled;

712 2. Earn a high school diploma from a school outside Florida  
713 which is comparable to a standard Florida high school diploma or  
714 its equivalent pursuant to s. 1002.3105, s. 1003.4281, s.  
715 1003.4282, or s. 1003.435 or must complete a home education  
716 program in another state; and

717 3. Be accepted by and enrolled full-time in a baccalaureate  
718 degree program at an eligible regionally accredited Florida  
719 public or independent postsecondary educational institution  
720 during the fall academic term following high school graduation.

721 (5) (a) 1. An eligible student who meets the requirements of  
722 paragraph (4) (a), who is a National Merit Scholar, and who  
723 attends a Florida public postsecondary educational institution  
724 shall receive a scholarship award as specified in the General  
725 Appropriations Act equal to the institutional cost of attendance  
726 ~~minus the sum of the student's Florida Bright Futures~~  
727 ~~Scholarship and National Merit Scholarship.~~

728 2. An eligible student who meets the requirements of  
729 paragraph (4) (b), who is a National Merit Scholar, and who  
730 attends a Florida public postsecondary educational institution  
731 shall receive a scholarship award as specified in the General  
732 Appropriations Act equal to the institutional cost of attendance  
733 ~~for a resident of this state minus the student's National Merit~~  
734 ~~Scholarship.~~ Such student is exempt from the payment of out-of-  
735 state fees.

736 (b) An eligible student who is a National Merit Scholar and



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737 who attends a Florida independent postsecondary educational  
738 institution shall receive a scholarship award as specified in  
739 the General Appropriations Act ~~equal to the highest cost of~~  
740 ~~attendance for a resident of this state enrolled at a Florida~~  
741 ~~public university, as reported by the Board of Governors of the~~  
742 ~~State University System, minus the sum of the student's Florida~~  
743 ~~Bright Futures Scholarship and National Merit Scholarship.~~

744 Section 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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

747 And the title is amended as follows:

748 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
749 and insert:

750 A bill to be entitled  
751 An act relating to student financial aid; creating s.  
752 1006.75, F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors of the  
753 State University System to create an online dashboard;  
754 specifying minimum information to be included in the  
755 dashboard; requiring the dashboard to be available by  
756 a specified date; requiring each state university  
757 office of admissions website to contain a link to the  
758 dashboard; requiring each state university board of  
759 trustees to adopt certain procedures; requiring the  
760 procedures to include placing a hold on certain  
761 students' registration; specifying the requirements  
762 for students to lift the hold; requiring the Board of  
763 Governors to approve such procedures by a specified  
764 date; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; making technical  
765 changes; amending s. 1009.40, F.S.; conforming



766 provisions to changes made by the act; revising  
767 eligibility for an award under the Bright Futures  
768 Scholarship Program or the Benacquisto Scholarship  
769 Program; specifying funding award levels for students  
770 initially funded in a certain academic year; requiring  
771 postsecondary educational institutions to verify  
772 funding levels before award disbursement; creating s.  
773 1009.46, F.S.; specifying the duties of certain  
774 postsecondary educational institutions with regard to  
775 financial aid and tuition assistance programs;  
776 specifying penalties for noncompliance; requiring the  
777 Board of Governors, the State Board of Education, and  
778 the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida  
779 to each approve, by a specified date, a list of career  
780 certificate and undergraduate and graduate degree  
781 programs that they determine do not lead directly to  
782 employment; requiring that each list include specified  
783 information; requiring that the state board list  
784 include programs at independent colleges and  
785 universities licensed by the Commission for  
786 Independent Education; requiring each entity to  
787 publish the methodology used in determining whether  
788 programs are included on the list; requiring that the  
789 lists be updated annually, by a specified date, to be  
790 effective the next academic year; amending s. 1009.50,  
791 F.S.; revising the formula for calculating how Florida  
792 Public Student Assistance Grant Program funds are  
793 distributed; deleting a provision authorizing Florida  
794 Public Student Assistance Grant Program funds to be



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795 deposited in the State Student Financial Assistance  
796 Trust Fund; deleting a provision requiring any balance  
797 in the trust fund which was allocated to the Florida  
798 Public Student Assistance Grant Program at the end of  
799 the fiscal year to remain therein; amending s.  
800 1009.505, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing  
801 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student  
802 Assistance Grant Program funds to be deposited in the  
803 trust fund; deleting a provision requiring any balance  
804 in the trust fund which was allocated to the Florida  
805 Public Postsecondary Career Education Student  
806 Assistance Grant Program at the end of the fiscal year  
807 to remain therein; amending s. 1009.51, F.S.; revising  
808 the formula for calculating how Florida Private  
809 Student Assistance Grant Program funds are  
810 distributed; deleting a provision authorizing Florida  
811 Private Student Assistance Grant Program funds to be  
812 deposited in the trust fund; deleting a provision  
813 requiring any balance in the trust fund which was  
814 allocated to the Florida Private Student Assistance  
815 Grant Program at the end of the fiscal year to remain  
816 therein; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.; revising the  
817 formula for how Florida Postsecondary Student  
818 Assistance Grant Program funds are distributed;  
819 deleting a provision authorizing Florida Postsecondary  
820 Student Assistance Grant Program funds to be deposited  
821 in the trust fund; deleting a provision requiring any  
822 balance in the trust fund which was allocated to the  
823 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program



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824 at the end of the fiscal year to remain therein;  
825 amending s. 1009.53, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
826 Education to advertise the Florida Bright Futures  
827 Scholarship Program to specified persons no later than  
828 a specified date of each year; deleting a provision  
829 authorizing unused Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
830 Program funds to be carried forward; deleting a  
831 provision authorizing certain students to receive  
832 specified loans; amending s. 1009.532, F.S.;  
833 requiring, beginning with a specified academic year,  
834 that the maximum number of credit hours which can be  
835 awarded under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
836 Program be reduced by the number of postsecondary  
837 credit hours the student has earned from certain  
838 articulated acceleration mechanisms which are applied  
839 toward certificate, diploma, or specified degree  
840 requirements or to general education requirements;  
841 amending s. 1009.534, F.S.; revising and expanding  
842 eligibility requirements of the Florida Academic  
843 Scholars award; providing that a Florida Academic  
844 Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount  
845 specified in the General Appropriations Act; amending  
846 s. 1009.5341, F.S.; authorizing a Florida Bright  
847 Futures Scholarship recipient to apply the unused  
848 portion of a Florida Academic Scholars award or  
849 Florida Medallion Scholars award toward graduate study  
850 for a specified academic year; authorizing a Florida  
851 Bright Futures Scholarship recipient to apply the  
852 unused portion of a Florida Academic Scholars award or



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853 Florida Medallion Scholars award toward graduate study  
854 in a specified degree field, paid at the undergraduate  
855 rate, beginning with a specified academic year;  
856 amending s. 1009.535, F.S.; revising and expanding  
857 eligibility for a Florida Medallion Scholars award;  
858 providing a Florida Medallion Scholar is eligible for  
859 an award equal to the amount specified in the General  
860 Appropriations Act; creating s. 1009.71, F.S.;  
861 establishing the Florida Bright Opportunities Grant  
862 Program; requiring the program to be administered by  
863 the participating institutions subject to state board  
864 rules; providing the purpose of the program;  
865 specifying eligibility requirements for the program;  
866 prohibiting institutions from imposing additional  
867 eligibility requirements on students; requiring the  
868 program to cover remaining tuition and fees for  
869 eligible students after the application of all other  
870 federal and state financial aid, with a stipend for  
871 books as specified in the General Appropriations Act;  
872 requiring program awards to be allocated on a first-  
873 come, first-served basis; requiring returning students  
874 to receive priority over new students; providing the  
875 duration of the award; requiring funds to be  
876 distributed to eligible institutions based on a  
877 formula approved by the state board; requiring the  
878 formula to take into account specified criteria;  
879 requiring grants to be transmitted to institutions in  
880 advance of the registration period; requiring  
881 institutions to notify students of award amounts;



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882 requiring institutions to determine the eligibility  
883 status of each student at a specified time;  
884 prohibiting institutions from being required to  
885 reevaluate student eligibility after the specified  
886 time; requiring institutions to report specified  
887 information to the department; requiring institutions  
888 to remit to the department any undisbursed advances  
889 within a specified timeframe; requiring the state  
890 board to adopt rules; creating s. 1009.711, F.S.;  
891 establishing the Florida Endeavor Scholarship Program;  
892 requiring the award to cover tuition, registration,  
893 and testing fees for eligible students at a Florida  
894 College System institution, a career center, or a  
895 charter technical career center; providing that  
896 students who earned a high school credential before  
897 enrolling at the institution are not eligible for the  
898 program; requiring enrollment in specified programs;  
899 requiring that students meet specified statutory  
900 requirements; requiring that students demonstrate  
901 readiness for enrollment in a postsecondary clock hour  
902 program by meeting a specified requirement,  
903 demonstrating specified literacy and numeracy skills,  
904 or by enrolling in an Integrated Education and  
905 Training program; specifying criteria for continuing  
906 eligibility and for a renewal award; prohibiting  
907 institutions from imposing additional criteria to  
908 determine a student's initial eligibility; providing  
909 that students are eligible to receive award amounts  
910 equal to certain tuition and registration fees;





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911 requiring program awards to be allocated on a first-  
912 come, first-served basis, with returning students  
913 given priority over new students; requiring funds to  
914 be distributed to eligible institutions based on a  
915 formula approved by the state board; requiring that  
916 the formula take into account specified criteria;  
917 requiring that grants be transmitted to institutions  
918 in advance of the registration period; requiring  
919 institutions to notify students of award amounts;  
920 requiring institutions to determine the eligibility  
921 status of each student at a specified time;  
922 prohibiting institutions from being required to  
923 reevaluate student eligibility after the specified  
924 time; requiring institutions to report specified  
925 information to the department; requiring institutions  
926 to remit to the department any undisbursed advances  
927 within a specified timeframe; requiring the state  
928 board to adopt rules; amending s. 1009.893, F.S.;  
929 requiring a student who enrolls in a baccalaureate  
930 degree program in specified academic years to comply  
931 with certain requirements to attain a Benacquisto  
932 Scholarship; providing that the amount awarded under  
933 the program will be as specified in the General  
934 Appropriations Act; providing an effective date.