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Appropriations Subcommittee on Education (Cruz) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Amendment to Amendment (666218) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 376 - 468

5 and insert:

6 necessary to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees established  
7 under ss. 1009.22(3), (5), (6), and (7); 1009.23(3), (4), (7),  
8 (8), (10), and (11); and 1009.24(4), (7)-(13), (14)(r), and  
9 (16), as applicable, and is eligible for an additional stipend  
10 for textbooks, to assist with the payment of educational



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11 expenses as funds are specifically appropriated in the General  
12 Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of educational  
13 expenses.

14 Section 11. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1009.535,  
15 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

16 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.—

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

20 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as  
21 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high  
22 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
23 Education as college-preparatory academic courses and has  
24 attained at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6)(b) ~~on~~  
25 ~~the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~  
26 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
27 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,~~  
28 ~~or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

29 (b) Has completed the International Baccalaureate  
30 curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate  
31 Diploma or has completed the Advanced International Certificate  
32 of Education curriculum but failed to earn the Advanced  
33 International Certificate of Education Diploma, and has attained  
34 at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6)(b) ~~on the~~  
35 ~~combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~  
36 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
37 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,~~  
38 ~~or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

39 (c) Has attended a home education program according to s.



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40 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 and has attained at least the  
41 score required under s. 1009.531(6) (b) ~~on the combined verbal~~  
42 ~~and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the~~  
43 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic~~  
44 ~~Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an~~  
45 ~~equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

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

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

55 (f) For a high school student who graduates in the 2021-  
56 2022 academic year and thereafter:

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

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

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63 A high school student graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year  
64 and thereafter must complete at least 75 hours of volunteer  
65 service work approved by the district school board, the  
66 administrators of a nonpublic school, or the Department of  
67 Education for home education program students. The student must  
68 identify a social or civic issue or a professional area that



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69 interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal  
70 involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area,  
71 and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect  
72 upon his or her experience. Except for credit earned through  
73 service-learning courses adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the  
74 student may not receive remuneration or academic credit for  
75 volunteer service work performed. Such work may include, but is  
76 not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for  
77 a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on  
78 behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer  
79 service must be documented in writing, and the document must be  
80 signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a  
81 representative of the organization for which the student  
82 performed the volunteer service work.

83 (2) A Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in a  
84 certificate, diploma, associate, or baccalaureate degree program  
85 at a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational ~~education~~  
86 institution is eligible, ~~beginning in the fall 2018 semester,~~  
87 for an award equal to the amount necessary to pay 75 percent of  
88 tuition and fees established under ss. 1009.22(3), (5), (6), and  
89 (7); 1009.23(3), (4), (7), (8), (10), and (11); and 1009.24(4),  
90 (7)-(13), (14)(r), and (16), as applicable, to assist with the  
91 payment of educational expenses. Beginning in the fall 2021  
92 semester, a Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in an  
93 associate degree program at a Florida College System institution  
94 is eligible for an award equal to the amount necessary to pay  
95 100 percent of tuition and fees established under s. 1009.23(3),  
96 (4), (7), (8), (10), and (11) to assist with the payment of  
97 educational



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

100 And the title is amended as follows:

101       Delete lines 600 - 607

102 and insert:

103       Academic Scholars award; amending s. 1009.535, F.S.;

104       revising and expanding eligibility for a Florida

105       Medallion Scholars award; amending s. 1009.893, F.S.;