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Appropriations Subcommittee 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



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11 University System shall publicly publish an online dashboard.  
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 4. Affirmatively indicate that he or she has been provided



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40 with the information required under this paragraph, and is aware  
41 of the employment and wage prospects for his or her declared  
42 major.

43 (b) The Board of Governors of the State University System  
44 shall review and approve each university's procedures by March  
45 1, 2022.

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

48 1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

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

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

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

68 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section



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69 1009.40, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

70 1009.40 General requirements for student eligibility for  
71 state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants.—

72 (1)(a) The general requirements for eligibility of students  
73 for state financial aid awards and tuition assistance grants  
74 consist of the following:

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

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

94 3. Submission of certification attesting to the accuracy,  
95 completeness, and correctness of information provided to  
96 demonstrate a student's eligibility to receive state financial  
97 aid awards or tuition assistance grants. Falsification of such



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98 information shall result in the denial of a pending application  
99 and revocation of an award or grant currently held to the extent  
100 that no further payments shall be made. Additionally, students  
101 who knowingly make false statements in order to receive state  
102 financial aid awards or tuition assistance grants commit a  
103 misdemeanor of the second degree subject to the provisions of s.  
104 837.06 and shall be required to return all state financial aid  
105 awards or tuition assistance grants wrongfully obtained.

106 Section 4. Section 1009.46, Florida Statutes, is created to  
107 read:

108 1009.46 Duties relating to state financial aid and tuition  
109 assistance programs.—

110 (1) (a) Each postsecondary educational institution that  
111 receives state funds for state financial aid and tuition  
112 assistance programs shall:

113 1. Complete and return the annual application for state aid  
114 funds in the format and by the date established by the  
115 Department of Education;

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

119 3. Verify eligibility of enrolled students with the  
120 department each academic term;

121 4. Report each student's program of study to the department  
122 using the most recent classification of instructional programs  
123 taxonomy for the certificate or degree level as developed by the  
124 United States Department of Education's National Center for  
125 Education Statistics;

126 5. Disburse state financial aid and tuition assistance to



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127 eligible students;

128 6. Notify students annually regarding the renewal  
129 requirements for each state-funded award for which they are  
130 eligible;

131 7. Complete and return to the department all reports for  
132 the administration of state funds in the format and by the date  
133 established by the department;

134 8. Complete and return to the department all legislatively  
135 required reports in the format and by the date established by  
136 the department;

137 9. Retain required records for the later of 5 years or  
138 until such records are audited and any audit exceptions are  
139 resolved; and

140 10. Refund to the department any undisbursed advances  
141 within 60 days after the end of the regular registration period  
142 each fall and spring term, within 30 days after the end of the  
143 summer term, or within 60 days after the date a student's  
144 ineligibility is determined.

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

148 (c) An institution that fails to perform its duties in  
149 administering state financial aid or tuition assistance programs  
150 must be placed on probation by the department.

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

154 2. The department may suspend or revoke an institution's  
155 eligibility to participate in state-funded programs if the



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156 institution fails to provide the required audits, fails to  
157 resolve audit findings, or fails to timely provide statutorily  
158 required reports by established deadlines.

159 (2) (a) By December 31, 2021, the Board of Governors, the  
160 State Board of Education, and the Independent Colleges and  
161 Universities of Florida shall each identify and publish a list  
162 of career certificate and undergraduate and graduate degree  
163 programs offered by a district career center, charter technical  
164 career center, Florida College System institution, independent  
165 college or university, or state university, as applicable, which  
166 do not lead directly to employment.

167 (b) In determining which programs will be included on a  
168 list, the Board of Governors, the State Board of Education, and  
169 the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida shall  
170 consider national, state, and regional industry demand for  
171 certificateholders and graduates of such degree programs. For  
172 each certificate and degree program listed, the Board of  
173 Governors and the State Board of Education must identify  
174 occupations, current job openings, estimates of job growth, and  
175 employment wages. The State Board of Education list must include  
176 programs at independent colleges and universities licensed by  
177 the Commission for Independent Education.

178 (c) The Board of Governors, the State Board of Education,  
179 and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida must  
180 publish the methodology used in determining whether programs  
181 were included on a list.

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

184 Section 5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection



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185 (5) of section 1009.50, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:  
186 1009.50 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program;  
187 eligibility for grants.—

188 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Public  
189 Student Assistance Grant Program shall be distributed to  
190 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula approved by  
191 the State Board of Education. The formula must consider at least  
192 the prior year's distribution of funds and, the number of  
193 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, ~~the~~  
194 ~~standardization of the expected family contribution, and~~  
195 ~~provisions for unused funds.~~ The formula must account for  
196 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
197 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section  
198 and ss. 1009.505, 1009.51, and 1009.52.

199 ~~(5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for state student~~  
200 ~~assistance grants may be deposited in the State Student~~  
201 ~~Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and~~  
202 ~~pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end~~  
203 ~~of any fiscal year which has been allocated to the Florida~~  
204 ~~Public Student Assistance Grant Program shall remain therein and~~  
205 ~~shall be available for carrying out the purposes of this~~  
206 ~~section.~~

207 Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 1009.505, Florida  
208 Statutes, is amended to read:

209 1009.505 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education  
210 Student Assistance Grant Program.—

211 ~~(5) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for state student~~  
212 ~~assistance grants may be deposited in the State Student~~  
213 ~~Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding s. 216.301 and~~





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214 ~~pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end~~  
215 ~~of any fiscal year which has been allocated to the Florida~~  
216 ~~Public Postsecondary Career Education Student Assistance Grant~~  
217 ~~Program shall remain therein and shall be available for carrying~~  
218 ~~out the purposes of this section.~~

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

221 1009.51 Florida Private Student Assistance Grant Program;  
222 eligibility for grants.—

223 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Private  
224 Student Assistance Grant Program shall be distributed to  
225 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula approved by  
226 the State Board of Education. The formula must consider at least  
227 the prior year's distribution of funds and, the number of  
228 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, ~~the~~  
229 ~~standardization of the expected family contribution, and~~  
230 ~~provisions for unused funds.~~ The formula must account for  
231 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
232 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section  
233 and ss. 1009.50, 1009.505, and 1009.52.

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

242 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) and subsection



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243 (6) of section 1009.52, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

244 1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant  
245 Program; eligibility for grants.—

246 (4) (a) The funds appropriated for the Florida Postsecondary  
247 Student Assistance Grant Program shall be distributed to  
248 eligible institutions in accordance with a formula approved by  
249 the State Board of Education. The formula must consider at least  
250 the prior year's distribution of funds and, the number of  
251 eligible applicants who did not receive awards, ~~the~~  
252 ~~standardization of the expected family contribution, and~~  
253 ~~provisions for unused funds~~. The formula must account for  
254 changes in the number of eligible students across all student  
255 assistance grant programs established pursuant to this section  
256 and ss. 1009.50, 1009.505, and 1009.51.

257 ~~(6) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for Florida~~  
258 ~~postsecondary student assistance grants may be deposited in the~~  
259 ~~State Student Financial Assistance Trust Fund. Notwithstanding~~  
260 ~~s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust~~  
261 ~~fund at the end of any fiscal year which has been allocated to~~  
262 ~~the Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program shall~~  
263 ~~remain therein and shall be available for carrying out the~~  
264 ~~purposes of this section and as otherwise provided by law.~~

265 Section 9. Subsections (3), (4), and (7) of section  
266 1009.53, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

267 1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.—

268 (3) The Department of Education shall administer the Bright  
269 Futures Scholarship Program according to rules and procedures  
270 established by the State Board of Education. A single  
271 application must be sufficient for a student to apply for any of



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272 the awards. The department shall advertise the availability of  
273 the scholarship program and shall notify students, teachers,  
274 parents, certified school counselors, and principals or other  
275 relevant school administrators of the criteria and application  
276 procedures. The department must begin this process of  
277 notification no later than September ~~January~~ 1 of each year.

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

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

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

290 (7) A student may receive only one type of award from the  
291 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at any given time,  
292 but may transfer from one type of award to another through the  
293 renewal application process, if the student's eligibility status  
294 changes. However, a student is not eligible to transfer from a  
295 Florida Medallion Scholarship, a Florida Gold Seal CAPE  
296 Scholarship, or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship to a  
297 Florida Academic Scholarship. ~~A student who receives an award~~  
298 ~~from the program may also receive a federal family education~~  
299 ~~loan or a federal direct loan, and the value of the award must~~  
300 ~~be considered in the certification or calculation of the~~



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301 ~~student's loan eligibility.~~

302 Section 10. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 1009.534,  
303 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

304 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.—

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

308 (a) Has achieved a 3.5 weighted grade point average as  
309 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or its equivalent, in high  
310 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
311 Education as college-preparatory academic courses and has  
312 attained at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6) (a) ~~on~~  
313 ~~the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~  
314 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
315 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,~~  
316 ~~or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

317 (b) Has attended a home education program according to s.  
318 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12, has completed the International  
319 Baccalaureate curriculum but failed to earn the International  
320 Baccalaureate Diploma, or has completed the Advanced  
321 International Certificate of Education curriculum but failed to  
322 earn the Advanced International Certificate of Education  
323 Diploma, and has attained at least the score required under s.  
324 1009.531(6) (a) ~~on the combined verbal and quantitative parts of~~  
325 ~~the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or~~  
326 ~~the recentered Scholastic Assessment Test of the College~~  
327 ~~Entrance Examination, or an equivalent score on the ACT~~  
328 ~~Assessment Program;~~

329 (c) Has been awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma



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330 from the International Baccalaureate Office or an Advanced  
331 International Certificate of Education Diploma from the  
332 University of Cambridge International Examinations Office;

333 (d) Has been recognized by ~~the merit or achievement~~  
334 ~~programs~~ of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a  
335 scholar or finalist; ~~or~~

336 (e) Has been granted academic honors by one or more of the  
337 College Board National Recognition Programs for students from  
338 underrepresented communities; or recognized by the National  
339 Hispanic Recognition Program as a scholar recipient

340 (f) For a high school student who graduated in the 2021-  
341 2022 academic year and thereafter:

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

345 2. Has earned a College Board Advanced Placement Capstone  
346 Diploma with scores of 4 or higher on six Advanced Placement  
347 examinations.

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349 The student must complete a program of volunteer service work,  
350 as approved by the district school board, the administrators of  
351 a nonpublic school, or the Department of Education for home  
352 education program students, which must include a minimum of 75  
353 hours of service work for high school students graduating in the  
354 2010-2011 academic year and 100 hours of service work for high  
355 school students graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year and  
356 thereafter. The student must identify a social or civic issue or  
357 a professional area that interests him or her, develop a plan  
358 for his or her personal involvement in addressing the issue or



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359 learning about the area, and, through papers or other  
360 presentations, evaluate and reflect upon his or her experience.  
361 Except for credit earned through service-learning courses  
362 adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the student may not receive  
363 remuneration or academic credit for the volunteer service work  
364 performed. Such work may include, but is not limited to, a  
365 business or governmental internship, work for a nonprofit  
366 community service organization, or activities on behalf of a  
367 candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer service must  
368 be documented in writing, and the document must be signed by the  
369 student, the student's parent or guardian, and a representative  
370 of the organization for which the student performed the  
371 volunteer service work.

372 (2) A Florida Academic Scholar who is enrolled in a  
373 certificate, diploma, associate, or baccalaureate degree program  
374 at a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational ~~education~~  
375 institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount  
376 specified necessary to pay 100 percent of tuition and fees  
377 ~~established under ss. 1009.22(3), (5), (6), and (7); 1009.23(3),~~  
378 ~~(4), (7), (8), (10), and (11); and 1009.24(4), (7)-(13),~~  
379 ~~(14)(r), and (16), as applicable, and is eligible for an~~  
380 ~~additional stipend for textbooks, to assist with the payment of~~  
381 ~~educational expenses as funds are specifically appropriated in~~  
382 the General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of  
383 educational expenses.

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

386 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.-

387 (1) A student is eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars



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388 award if he or she meets the general eligibility requirements  
389 for the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program and:

390 (a) Has achieved a weighted grade point average of 3.0 as  
391 calculated pursuant to s. 1009.531, or the equivalent, in high  
392 school courses that are designated by the State Board of  
393 Education as college-preparatory academic courses and has  
394 attained at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6) (b) ~~on~~  
395 ~~the combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~  
396 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
397 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,~~  
398 ~~or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

399 (b) Has completed the International Baccalaureate  
400 curriculum but failed to earn the International Baccalaureate  
401 Diploma or has completed the Advanced International Certificate  
402 of Education curriculum but failed to earn the Advanced  
403 International Certificate of Education Diploma, and has attained  
404 at least the score required under s. 1009.531(6) (b) ~~on the~~  
405 ~~combined verbal and quantitative parts of the Scholastic~~  
406 ~~Aptitude Test, the Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered~~  
407 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination,~~  
408 ~~or an equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

409 (c) Has attended a home education program according to s.  
410 1002.41 during grades 11 and 12 and has attained at least the  
411 score required under s. 1009.531(6) (b) ~~on the combined verbal~~  
412 ~~and quantitative parts of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, the~~  
413 ~~Scholastic Assessment Test, or the recentered Scholastic~~  
414 ~~Assessment Test of the College Entrance Examination, or an~~  
415 ~~equivalent score on the ACT Assessment Program;~~

416 (d) Has been recognized by the ~~merit or achievement program~~



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417 ~~of the~~ National Merit Scholarship Corporation as a scholar or  
418 finalist but has not completed the program of volunteer service  
419 work required under s. 1009.534; ~~or~~

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

425 (f) For a high school student who graduates in the 2021-  
426 2022 academic year and thereafter:

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

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

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433 A high school student graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year  
434 and thereafter must complete at least 75 hours of volunteer  
435 service work approved by the district school board, the  
436 administrators of a nonpublic school, or the Department of  
437 Education for home education program students. The student must  
438 identify a social or civic issue or a professional area that  
439 interests him or her, develop a plan for his or her personal  
440 involvement in addressing the issue or learning about the area,  
441 and, through papers or other presentations, evaluate and reflect  
442 upon his or her experience. Except for credit earned through  
443 service-learning courses adopted pursuant to s. 1003.497, the  
444 student may not receive remuneration or academic credit for  
445 volunteer service work performed. Such work may include, but is





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446 not limited to, a business or governmental internship, work for  
447 a nonprofit community service organization, or activities on  
448 behalf of a candidate for public office. The hours of volunteer  
449 service must be documented in writing, and the document must be  
450 signed by the student, the student's parent or guardian, and a  
451 representative of the organization for which the student  
452 performed the volunteer service work.

453 (2) A Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in a  
454 certificate, diploma, associate, or baccalaureate degree program  
455 at a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational ~~education~~  
456 institution is eligible, ~~beginning in the fall 2018 semester,~~  
457 for an award equal to the amount specified in the General  
458 Appropriations Act necessary to pay 75 percent of tuition and  
459 ~~fees established under ss. 1009.22(3), (5), (6), and (7);~~  
460 ~~1009.23(3), (4), (7), (8), (10), and (11); and 1009.24(4), (7)-~~  
461 ~~(13), (14)(r), and (16), as applicable,~~ to assist with the  
462 payment of educational expenses. Beginning in the fall 2021  
463 semester, a Florida Medallion Scholar who is enrolled in an  
464 associate degree program at a Florida College System institution  
465 is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the  
466 General Appropriations Act necessary to pay 100 percent of  
467 ~~tuition and fees established under s. 1009.23(3), (4), (7), (8),~~  
468 ~~(10), and (11)~~ to assist with the payment of educational  
469 expenses.

470 Section 12. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) and subsection  
471 (5) of section 1009.893, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

472 1009.893 Benacquisto Scholarship Program.—

473 (4) In order to be eligible for an initial award under the  
474 scholarship program, a student must meet the requirements of



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475 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

476 (b) A student who initially enrolls in a baccalaureate  
477 degree program in the 2018-2019 through 2021-2022 academic years  
478 ~~year or later~~ and who is not a resident of this state, as  
479 determined in s. 1009.40 and rules of the State Board of  
480 Education, must:

481 1. Physically reside in this state on or near the campus of  
482 the postsecondary educational institution in which the student  
483 is enrolled;

484 2. Earn a high school diploma from a school outside Florida  
485 which is comparable to a standard Florida high school diploma or  
486 its equivalent pursuant to s. 1002.3105, s. 1003.4281, s.  
487 1003.4282, or s. 1003.435 or must complete a home education  
488 program in another state; and

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

493 (5) (a) 1. An eligible student who meets the requirements of  
494 paragraph (4) (a), who is a National Merit Scholar, and who  
495 attends a Florida public postsecondary educational institution  
496 shall receive a scholarship award as specified in the General  
497 Appropriations Act ~~equal to the institutional cost of attendance~~  
498 ~~minus the sum of the student's Florida Bright Futures~~  
499 ~~Scholarship and National Merit Scholarship.~~

500 2. An eligible student who meets the requirements of  
501 paragraph (4) (b), who is a National Merit Scholar, and who  
502 attends a Florida public postsecondary educational institution  
503 shall receive a scholarship award as specified in the General



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504 ~~Appropriations Act equal to the institutional cost of attendance~~  
505 ~~for a resident of this state minus the student's National Merit~~  
506 ~~Scholarship.~~ Such student is exempt from the payment of out-of-  
507 state fees.

508 (b) An eligible student who is a National Merit Scholar and  
509 who attends a Florida independent postsecondary educational  
510 institution shall receive a scholarship award as specified in  
511 the General Appropriations Act equal to the highest cost of  
512 attendance for a resident of this state enrolled at a Florida  
513 public university, as reported by the Board of Governors of the  
514 State University System, minus the sum of the student's Florida  
515 Bright Futures Scholarship and National Merit Scholarship.

516 Section 13. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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519 And the title is amended as follows:

520 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
521 and insert:

522 A bill to be entitled  
523 An act relating to student financial aid; creating s.  
524 1006.75, F.S.; requiring the Board of Governors of the  
525 State University System to create an online dashboard;  
526 specifying minimum information to be included in the  
527 dashboard; requiring the dashboard to be available by  
528 a specified date; requiring each state university  
529 office of admissions website to contain a link to the  
530 dashboard; requiring each state university board of  
531 trustees to adopt certain procedures; requiring the  
532 procedures to include placing a hold on certain



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533 students' registration; specifying the requirements  
534 for students to lift the hold; requiring the Board of  
535 Governors to approve such procedures by a specified  
536 date; amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; making technical  
537 changes; amending s. 1009.40, F.S.; conforming  
538 provisions to changes made by the act; creating s.  
539 1009.46, F.S.; specifying the duties of certain  
540 postsecondary educational institutions with regard to  
541 financial aid and tuition assistance programs;  
542 specifying penalties for noncompliance; requiring the  
543 Board of Governors, the State Board of Education, and  
544 the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida  
545 to each approve, by a specified date, a list of career  
546 certificate and undergraduate and graduate degree  
547 programs that they determine do not lead directly to  
548 employment; requiring that each list include specified  
549 information; requiring that the state board list  
550 include programs at independent colleges and  
551 universities licensed by the Commission for  
552 Independent Education; requiring each entity to  
553 publish the methodology used in determining whether  
554 programs are included on the list; requiring that the  
555 lists be updated annually, by a specified date, to be  
556 effective the next academic year; amending s. 1009.50,  
557 F.S.; revising the formula for calculating how Florida  
558 Public Student Assistance Grant Program funds are  
559 distributed; deleting a provision authorizing Florida  
560 Public Student Assistance Grant Program funds to be  
561 deposited in the State Student Financial Assistance



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562 Trust Fund; deleting a provision requiring any balance  
563 in the trust fund which was allocated to the Florida  
564 Public Student Assistance Grant Program at the end of  
565 the fiscal year to remain therein; amending s.  
566 1009.505, F.S.; deleting a provision authorizing  
567 Florida Public Postsecondary Career Education Student  
568 Assistance Grant Program funds to be deposited in the  
569 trust fund; deleting a provision requiring any balance  
570 in the trust fund which was allocated to the Florida  
571 Public Postsecondary Career Education Student  
572 Assistance Grant Program at the end of the fiscal year  
573 to remain therein; amending s. 1009.51, F.S.; revising  
574 the formula for calculating how Florida Private  
575 Student Assistance Grant Program funds are  
576 distributed; deleting a provision authorizing Florida  
577 Private Student Assistance Grant Program funds to be  
578 deposited in the trust fund; deleting a provision  
579 requiring any balance in the trust fund which was  
580 allocated to the Florida Private Student Assistance  
581 Grant Program at the end of the fiscal year to remain  
582 therein; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.; revising the  
583 formula for how Florida Postsecondary Student  
584 Assistance Grant Program funds are distributed;  
585 deleting a provision authorizing Florida Postsecondary  
586 Student Assistance Grant Program funds to be deposited  
587 in the trust fund; deleting a provision requiring any  
588 balance in the trust fund which was allocated to the  
589 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant Program  
590 at the end of the fiscal year to remain therein;



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591 amending s. 1009.53, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
592 Education to advertise the Florida Bright Futures  
593 Scholarship Program to specified persons no later than  
594 a specified date of each year; deleting a provision  
595 authorizing unused Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
596 Program funds to be carried forward; deleting a  
597 provision authorizing certain students to receive  
598 specified loans; amending s. 1009.534, F.S.; revising  
599 and expanding eligibility requirements of the Florida  
600 Academic Scholars award; providing that a Florida  
601 Academic Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the  
602 amount specified in the General Appropriations Act;  
603 amending s. 1009.535, F.S.; revising and expanding  
604 eligibility for a Florida Medallion Scholars award;  
605 providing a Florida Medallion Scholar is eligible for  
606 an award equal to the amount specified in the General  
607 Appropriations Act; amending s. 1009.893, F.S.;  
608 requiring a student who enrolls in a baccalaureate  
609 degree program in specified academic years to comply  
610 with certain requirements to attain a Benacquisto  
611 Scholarship; providing that the amount awarded under  
612 the program will be as specified in the General  
613 Appropriations Act; providing an effective date.