

By the Committee on Education; and Senator Gruters

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective
3 Access to Student Education Grant Program; amending s.
4 1009.89, F.S.; revising the institutions a student
5 must attend to receive a William L. Boyd, IV,
6 Effective Access to Student Education grant to include
7 certain for-profit independent colleges and
8 universities; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 1009.89,
13 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

14 1009.89 The William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to
15 Student Education grants.—

16 (1) The Legislature finds and declares that independent
17 ~~nonprofit~~ colleges and universities eligible to participate in
18 the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education
19 Grant Program are an integral part of the higher education
20 system in this state and that a significant number of state
21 residents choose this form of higher education. The Legislature
22 further finds that a strong and viable system of independent
23 ~~nonprofit~~ colleges and universities reduces the tax burden on
24 the citizens of the state. Because the William L. Boyd, IV,
25 Effective Access to Student Education Grant Program is not
26 related to a student's financial need or other criteria upon
27 which financial aid programs are based, it is the intent of the
28 Legislature that the William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to
29 Student Education Grant Program not be considered a financial

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30 aid program but rather a tuition assistance program for its
31 citizens.

32 (3) The department shall issue through the program a
33 William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education grant
34 to any full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student registered
35 at an independent ~~nonprofit~~ college or university which is
36 located in and chartered by the state; which is accredited by
37 the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of
38 Colleges and Schools; which grants baccalaureate degrees; which
39 is not a state university or Florida College System institution;
40 and which has a secular purpose, so long as the receipt of state
41 aid by students at the institution would not have the primary
42 effect of advancing or impeding religion or result in an
43 excessive entanglement between the state and any religious sect.
44 A for-profit college or university must have Level 6
45 accreditation from the Commission on Colleges of the Southern
46 Association of College and Schools in addition to the foregoing
47 requirements.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.