

By Senator Gruters

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Florida Postsecondary Student
3 Assistance Grant Program; amending s. 1009.52, F.S.;
4 expanding eligibility for the Florida Postsecondary
5 Student Assistance Grant Program to certain students
6 accepted at a competency-based, nonprofit virtual
7 postsecondary institution that meets specified
8 criteria; 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. Present paragraphs (b) through (f) of subsection
13 (2) of section 1009.52, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
14 paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, a new paragraph (b) is
15 added to that subsection, and present paragraph (c) of that
16 subsection is amended, to read:

17 1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant
18 Program; eligibility for grants.—

19 (2) Florida postsecondary student assistance grants may be
20 made to students who meet the general requirements for student
21 eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise
22 provided in this section. Such grants shall be awarded for the
23 amount of demonstrated unmet need for tuition and fees and may
24 not exceed the maximum annual award amount specified in the
25 General Appropriations Act. A demonstrated unmet need of less
26 than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible for a Florida
27 postsecondary student assistance grant.

28 (b) Awards may be made to full-time degree-seeking students
29 who have been accepted to a competency-based, nonprofit virtual

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30 postsecondary institution that is accredited by a member of the
31 Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions and is created by
32 the governors of several states.

33 (d)~~(e)~~ If funds are available, a student who received an
34 award in the fall or spring term may receive an award in the
35 summer term. Priority in the distribution of summer awards shall
36 be given to students who are within one semester, or equivalent,
37 of completing a degree or certificate program. No student may
38 receive an award for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters or
39 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except as otherwise
40 provided in s. 1009.40(3). A student specified in paragraph (c)
41 ~~(b)~~ is eligible for an award of up to 110 percent of the number
42 of clock hours required to complete the program in which the
43 student is enrolled.

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