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Section 1. Subsection (21) is added to section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

(21) (a) Each Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center under s. 1002.34 may waive out-of-state fees for students who currently live in a recovery residence, as defined in s. 397.311, and are employed in the state and work at least 20 hours per week.

(b) Tuition and fees charged to a student who is granted an out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed the tuition and fees charged to a resident student.

(c)1. To receive an out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection, a student must provide written or electronic verification that he or she currently resides in a recovery residence, as defined in s. 397.311, to the Florida College System institution, career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or charter technical career center under s. 1002.34 where he or she is enrolled. Such verification must be:

a. A lease agreement signed by the student and the operator of the recovery residence; or

b. An affidavit signed by a certified recovery residence administrator or clinical supervisor, as defined in s. 397.311.

2. A student who provides the verification required under

51 subparagraph 1. remains eligible for the out-of-state fee waiver
52 for 1 academic year.

53 3. To renew his or her out-of-state fee waiver, a student
54 must maintain a cumulative 2.5 grade point average or higher on
55 a 4.0 scale and resubmit his or her verification pursuant to
56 subparagraph 1.

57 (d)1. Fee waivers granted pursuant to this subsection may
58 not exceed 50 students statewide each academic year.

59 2. Each Florida College System institution, career center
60 operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, and charter
61 technical career center under s. 1002.34 shall report to the
62 State Board of Education the number and value of all fee waivers
63 granted annually under this subsection.

64 (e) The State Board of Education shall adopt rules to
65 administer this subsection.

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