

By Senator Garcia

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to student fee exemptions; amending s.  
3       1009.25, F.S.; revising fee waiver eligibility for  
4       students who are or were placed in the custody of a  
5       relative or nonrelative to include students placed  
6       prior to a specified date; providing an effective  
7       date.

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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11       Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section  
12       1009.25, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13       1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

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

18       (d) A student who is~~7~~ or was placed at the time he or she  
19       reached 18 years of age~~7~~ in the custody of a relative or  
20       nonrelative, including, but not limited to, a placement made  
21       pursuant to ~~under~~ s. 39.5085 or s. 39.6225, even if such  
22       placement occurred before January 7, 2003; or who was adopted  
23       from the Department of Children and Families after May 5, 1997.  
24       Such exemption includes fees associated with enrollment in  
25       applied academics for adult education instruction. The exemption  
26       remains valid until the student reaches 28 years of age.

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