

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. Paragraphs (b) through (f) of subsection (2) of  
 13           section 1009.52, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
 14           paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, present paragraph (c)  
 15           is amended, and a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection,  
 16           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

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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  
29 | students who have been accepted to a competency-based, nonprofit  
30 | virtual postsecondary institution that is accredited by a member  
31 | of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions and is  
32 | created by 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.