

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 that certain students enrolled in  
 9           an aviation maintenance school that meet specified  
 10          criteria are eligible for an award regardless of the  
 11          number of clock hours required by the school's  
 12          curriculum; providing an effective date.

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

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 16           Section 1. Paragraphs (b) through (f) of subsection (2) of  
 17           section 1009.52, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
 18           paragraphs (c) through (g), respectively, present paragraphs (b)  
 19           and (c) are amended, and a new paragraph (b) is added to that  
 20           subsection, to read:

21           1009.52 Florida Postsecondary Student Assistance Grant  
 22           Program; eligibility for grants.—

23           (2) Florida postsecondary student assistance grants may be  
 24           made to students who meet the general requirements for student  
 25           eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise

26 provided in this section. Such grants shall be awarded for the  
27 amount of demonstrated unmet need for tuition and fees and may  
28 not exceed the maximum annual award amount specified in the  
29 General Appropriations Act. A demonstrated unmet need of less  
30 than \$200 shall render the applicant ineligible for a Florida  
31 postsecondary student assistance grant.

32 (b) Awards may be made to full-time degree-seeking  
33 students who have been accepted to a competency-based, nonprofit  
34 virtual postsecondary institution that is accredited by a member  
35 of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions, was created  
36 by the governors of several states, and which employs a Florida  
37 chancellor responsible for state and local workforce  
38 coordination and financial aid reporting to the department.

39 (c) ~~(b)~~ Awards may be made to full-time certificate-seeking  
40 students who have been accepted at an aviation maintenance  
41 school that is located in this state, certified by the Federal  
42 Aviation Administration, and licensed by the Commission for  
43 Independent Education, regardless of the number of clock hours  
44 required by the school's curriculum. Such student's eligibility  
45 for the renewal of an award shall be evaluated at the end of the  
46 completion of 900 clock hours, and, as a condition of renewal,  
47 the student shall meet the requirements under s. 1009.40(1)(b).

48 (d) ~~(e)~~ If funds are available, a student who received an  
49 award in the fall or spring term may receive an award in the  
50 summer term. Priority in the distribution of summer awards shall

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51 | be given to students who are within one semester, or equivalent,  
52 | of completing a degree or certificate program. No student may  
53 | receive an award for more than the equivalent of 9 semesters or  
54 | 14 quarters of full-time enrollment, except as otherwise  
55 | provided in s. 1009.40(3). A student specified in paragraph (c)  
56 | ~~(b)~~ is eligible for an award of up to 110 percent of the number  
57 | of clock hours required to complete the program in which the  
58 | student is enrolled.

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