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30	and Education Grant Program, as created by former s. 1009.891,
31	if such university has been located in this state for more than
32	20 years; offers nursing programs at its Florida campus which
33	include licensed practical nurse (LPN), registered nurse (RN),
34	including associate of science in nursing (ASN) and bachelor of
35	science in nursing (BSN), accelerated BSN, practical nurse
36	bridge to ASN, and practical nurse bridge to BSN; and is
37	accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.
38	(b) The department shall issue a grant pursuant to s.
39	1009.89 to any full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student
40	registered at an independent for-profit college or university
41	located in and chartered by this state, accredited by an
42	accrediting agency or association recognized by the database
43	created and maintained by the United States Department of
44	Education, was licensed by the department on or before October
45	1, 2021, and has Level 6 accreditation from the Commission on
46	Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.
47	(c) An institution that meets the criteria specified in
48	paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) may not be a state university or
49	Florida College System institution. In addition, the institution
50	must have a secular purpose, and the receipt of state aid by
51	students at the institution may not have the primary effect of
52	advancing or impeding religion or result in an excessive
53	entanglement between the state and any religious sect.
54	(d) To qualify for funding under this section, an
55	institution must exercise a one-time option to participate by
56	notifying the department, in writing, of its decision to
57	participate on or before September 1, 2023, and must comply with
58	s. 1009.89(5)(a) and (c).

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59	(2) Notwithstanding any other law, an institution
60	participating in the grant program under this section is not
61	subject to the jurisdiction or purview of the Commission for
62	Independent Education and is not required to obtain licensure as
63	provided in part III of chapter 1005.
64	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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