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The Appropriations Committee on Education (Grall) recommended the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (459430) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 597 - 633
5 and insert:

6 (18) (a) For every course in a Program of Strategic
7 Emphasis, or in a state-approved teacher preparation program
8 identified by the Board of Governors, as identified in
9 subparagraph 3., in which a student is enrolled, a state
10 university shall waive 100 percent of the tuition and fees for



11 an equivalent course in such program for a student who:
12 1. Is a resident for tuition purposes under s. 1009.21.
13 2. Has earned at least 60 semester credit hours towards a
14 baccalaureate degree within 2 academic years after initial
15 enrollment at a Florida public postsecondary institution.
16 3. Enrolls in one of 10 Programs of Strategic Emphasis as
17 adopted by the Board of Governors or in one of two state-
18 approved teacher preparation programs identified by the Board of
19 Governors. The Board of Governors shall adopt eight Programs of
20 Strategic Emphasis in science, technology, engineering, or math;
21 ~~and~~, beginning with the 2022-2023 academic year, two Programs of
22 Strategic Emphasis in the critical workforce gap analysis
23 category; and beginning with the 2023-2024 academic year, two
24 state-approved teacher preparation programs for which a student
25 may be eligible to receive the tuition and fee waiver authorized
26 by this subsection. The programs identified by the board must
27 reflect the priorities of the state and be offered at a majority
28 of state universities at the time the Board of Governors
29 approves the list.
30 (b) A waiver granted under this subsection is applicable
31 only for upper-level courses and up to 110 percent of the number
32 of required credit hours of the baccalaureate degree program for
33 which the student is enrolled. A student granted a waiver under
34 this subsection shall continue receiving the waiver until the
35 student graduates, exceeds the number of allowable credit hours,
36 or withdraws from an eligible program, regardless of whether the
37 program is removed from the approved list of eligible programs
38 subsequent to the student's enrollment.
39 (c) Upon enrollment in a Program of Strategic Emphasis or



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40 in one of two teacher preparation programs identified by the
41 Board of Governors, the tuition and fees waived under this
42 subsection must be reported for state funding purposes under ss.
43 1009.534 and 1009.535 and must be disbursed to the student. The
44 amount disbursed to the student must ~~shall~~ be equal to the award
45 amount the student has received under s. 1009.534(2) or s.
46 1009.535(2).

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48 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

49 And the title is amended as follows:

50 Delete lines 728 - 730

51 and insert:

52 amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring the Board of
53 Governors to identify state-approved teacher
54 preparation programs eligible for a tuition waiver;
55 providing that certain