

By Senator Torres

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures
3 Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.53, F.S.;
4 requiring public high schools to establish a Bright
5 Futures Scholarship mentorship program for students;
6 providing requirements for such program; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Subsection (12) is added to section 1009.53,
12 Florida Statutes, to read:

13 1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.—

14 (12) Each public high school shall establish a Bright
15 Futures Scholarship mentorship program for students enrolled in
16 the school. The mentorship program:

17 (a) Must provide students with access to a certified school
18 counselor. The school counselor shall provide students with
19 information about the eligibility requirements for each Florida
20 Bright Futures Scholarship award and which awards the student is
21 on track to be eligible for.

22 (b) Must include a comprehensive outreach campaign through
23 social media and the school's website. The campaign may include
24 the success stories of students who were awarded a scholarship
25 through the program, application tips, and question and answer
26 sessions for students and parents.

27 (c) May connect students with mentors who have received an
28 award through the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.