

1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures  
 3 Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.;  
 4 revising eligibility requirements for a student who  
 5 earns a high school diploma from a non-Florida school  
 6 under certain circumstances; providing an effective  
 7 date.

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

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 11 **Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section**  
 12 **1009.531, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

13 1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
 14 student eligibility requirements for initial awards.—

15 (1) In order to be eligible for an initial award from any  
 16 of the scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship  
 17 Program, a student must:

18 (b) Earn a standard Florida high school diploma pursuant  
 19 to s. 1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, or s. 1003.4282 or a high  
 20 school equivalency diploma pursuant to s. 1003.435 unless:

21 1. The student completes a home education program  
 22 according to s. 1002.41;

23 2. The student earns a high school diploma from a non-  
 24 Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who is on,  
 25 or, within 12 months before the student's high school

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26 | graduation, has retired from, military or public service  
27 | assignment away from Florida; or

28 | 3. The student earns a high school diploma from a Florida  
29 | private school operating pursuant to s. 1002.42.

30 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.