

By Senator Burgess

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures
3 Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.531, 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 to
19 s. 1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, or s. 1003.4282 or a high school
20 equivalency diploma pursuant to s. 1003.435 unless:

21 1. The student completes a home education program according
22 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
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.

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