

By Senator Arrington

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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; authorizing  
7       such programs to connect students to certain mentors;  
8       providing an effective date.

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

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

14       1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.—

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

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

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

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

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