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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26,
F.S.; specifying that a requirement for certain
universities, colleges, career centers, and charter
technical career centers to waive out-of-state fees
for certain students applies to students who are
undocumented for federal immigration purposes;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (12) of section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.—

(12) (a) A state university, a Florida College System institution, a career center operated by a school district under s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center shall waive out-of-state fees for students, including, but not limited to, students who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes, ~~who are citizens of the United States or lawfully present in the United States~~ who meet the following conditions:

1. Attended a secondary school in this state for 3 consecutive years immediately before graduating from a high school in this state;

2. Apply for enrollment in an institution of higher

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26 education within 24 months after high school graduation; and
27 3. Submit an official Florida high school transcript as
28 evidence of attendance and graduation.

29 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.