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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to resident status for tuition
3 purposes; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; providing that a
4 person may not lose his or her resident status for
5 tuition purposes due to incarceration; providing an
6 effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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10 Section 1. Present subsections (4) through (13) of section
11 1009.21, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5)
12 through (14), respectively, and a new subsection (4) is added to
13 that section, to read:

14 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition
15 purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or
16 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in
17 postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical
18 career centers or career centers operated by school districts,
19 in Florida College System institutions, and in state
20 universities.

21 (4) An individual may not lose his or her resident status
22 for tuition purposes solely by reason of incarceration in a
23 state or federal correctional facility in this state.

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