

HB 0795CS

CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Colleges & Universities Committee recommends the following:

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3 Council/Committee Substitute

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to student financial assistance; creating

7 s. 1009.701, F.S.; creating the First Generation Matching

8 Grant Program to provide financial aid to undergraduate

9 students with financial need whose parents have not earned

10 a baccalaureate degree; providing for appropriation,

11 allocation, and distribution of funds; providing student

12 eligibility requirements; providing the basis for the

13 amount of awards; providing duties of institutions

14 participating in the program; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.;

15 providing an additional category within which students may

16 be classified as residents for tuition purposes; providing

17 an effective date.

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

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21 Section 1. Section 1009.701, Florida Statutes, is created

22 to read:

23 1009.701 First Generation Matching Grant Program.--

24 (1) The First Generation Matching Grant Program is created

25 to enable each state university and community college to provide

26 donors with a matching grant incentive for contributions that

27 will create grant-based student financial aid for undergraduate

28 students who demonstrate financial need and whose parents, as

29 defined in s. 1009.21(1), have not earned a baccalaureate

30 degree.

31 (2) Funds appropriated by the Legislature for the program
32 shall be allocated by the Office of Student Financial Assistance
33 to match private contributions on a dollar-for-dollar basis.
34 Contributions made to a state university or community college
35 and pledged for the purposes of this section are eligible for
36 state matching funds appropriated for this program and are not
37 eligible for any other state matching grant program. Pledged
38 contributions are not eligible for matching prior to the actual
39 collection of the total funds. The Office of Student Financial
40 Assistance shall reserve 50 percent of the total appropriated
41 funds for state universities and the remaining 50 percent for
42 community colleges. Within each 50-percent portion, the Office
43 of Student Financial Assistance shall reserve a proportionate
44 allocation for each state university and community college on
45 the basis of full-time equivalent enrollments. Funds that remain
46 unmatched as of December 1 shall be reallocated to state
47 universities and community colleges that have remaining
48 unmatched private contributions for the program on the basis of
49 full-time equivalent enrollments.

50 (3) Payment of the state matching grant shall be
51 transmitted to the president of each participating institution
52 or his or her representative in advance of the student
53 registration period.

54 (4) Each participating state university and community
55 college shall establish an application process, determine
56 student eligibility for initial and renewal awards in
57 conformance with subsection (5), identify the amount awarded to

58 each recipient, and notify recipients of the amount of their
59 awards.

60 (5) In order to be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to
61 this section, an applicant shall:

62 (a) Be a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s.
63 1009.21.

64 (b) Be a first generation college student. For the
65 purposes of this section, a student is considered "first
66 generation" if neither of the student's parents, as defined in
67 s. 1009.21(1), earned a college degree at the baccalaureate
68 level or higher.

69 (c) Be accepted at a state university or community
70 college.

71 (d) Be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credit hours per term
72 as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.

73 (e) Have demonstrated financial need by completing the
74 Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

75 (6) The award amount shall be based on the student's need
76 assessment after any scholarship or grant aid, including, but
77 not limited to, a Pell Grant or a Florida Bright Futures
78 Scholarship Program award, has been applied. No award may exceed
79 the institution's estimated annual cost of attendance for
80 comparable undergraduate students attending the institution.

81 (7) Each participating institution shall report to the
82 Office of Student Financial Assistance, by the date established
83 by the office, the eligible students to whom grant moneys are
84 disbursed each academic term. Institutions shall certify to the
85 Office of Student Financial Assistance the amount of funds
86 disbursed to each student and shall remit to the office any

87 undisbursed advances by June 1 of each year.

88 (8) No later than July 1 of each year, each participating
89 institution shall report to the Executive Office of the
90 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
91 President of the Senate, each community college shall report to
92 the State Board of Education, and each state university shall
93 report to the Board of Governors regarding eligibility
94 requirements for recipients, the aggregate demographics of
95 recipients, retention and graduation rates of recipients, and a
96 delineation of funds awarded to recipients.

97 (9) This section shall be implemented only as specifically
98 funded.

99 Section 2. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (10) of
100 section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, to read:

101 1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition
102 purposes.--Students shall be classified as residents or
103 nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in community
104 colleges and state universities.

105 (10) The following persons shall be classified as
106 residents for tuition purposes:

107 (1) A student, other than a nonimmigrant alien within the
108 meaning of 8 U.S.C. s. 1001(a)(15), who meets the following
109 criteria:

110 1. Has resided in Florida with a parent for at least 3
111 consecutive years immediately preceding the date the student
112 received a high school diploma or its equivalent.

113 2. Has attended a Florida high school for at least 3
114 consecutive school years during such time.

115 3. Has filed an affidavit with the institution of higher
116 education stating that the student has filed an application to
117 legalize his or her immigration status or will file such
118 application as soon as he or she is eligible to do so.

119 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.
CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.