

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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The Committee on Higher Education (Pruitt) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 38 - 73 and insert:

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after the end of the drop and add period or for courses from which students withdrew after the end of the drop and add period unless a student has dropped or withdrawn from the course due to a verifiable illness or other documented emergency if a student who receives an award disbursement terminates enrollment for any reason during an academic term and a refund is permitted 12

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by the institution's refund policy.

(11) Funds for any scholarship within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program may not be used to pay for courses dropped after the end of the drop and add period or courses from which students withdraw after the end of the drop and add period except as otherwise provided in this section.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.-

- (1) To be eliqible to renew a scholarship from any of the three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a student must:
- (a) Effective in the 2009-2010 academic year and thereafter, earn Complete at least 24 12 semester credit hours or the equivalent in the last academic year in which the student earned a scholarship if the student was enrolled full time. If the student was enrolled part time, the student must have completed a prorated number of credit hours as determined by the Department of Education. If a student fails to earn the minimum number of hours required to renew the scholarship, the student is not eligible to renew his or her scholarship for a period equivalent to 1 academic year. The student is eligible to restore the award the following academic year if the student earns the number of credit hours specified by the department and satisfies the grade point average for renewal. A student's scholarship may be restored only one time.

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41	And the title is amended as follows:
42	Delete lines 7 - 12
43	and insert:
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45	after the end of the drop and add period; amending s. 1009.532,
46	F.S.; increasing the credit hour requirements for a student to
47	remain eligible for a scholarship; permitting a one-time

restoration of scholarship eligibility; providing an effective