1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to postsecondary education funding; 3 amending s. 295.02, F.S.; revising provisions relating to 4 the use of funds to pay postsecondary education expenses 5 for children and spouses of certain members of the 6 military; amending s. 295.04, F.S.; providing a 7 definition; providing educational benefit award amounts 8 for students at public and nonpublic eligible 9 postsecondary education institutions; creating s. 1006.72, 10 F.S.; providing requirements for the licensing of 11 electronic library resources; requiring a process to annually identify electronic library resources for 12 specified core categories; providing requirements for 13 14 statewide, postsecondary, 4-year degree, and 2-year degree 15 core resources; amending s. 1009.22, F.S.; requiring 16 students in workforce education programs to be classified 17 as residents or nonresidents for tuition purposes; authorizing, rather than requiring, the State Board of 18 19 Education to adopt rules for use by district school boards and community college boards of trustees in the 20 21 calculation of workforce education costs borne by 22 students; amending s. 1009.24, F.S.; authorizing certain 23 calculations for expenditures for need-based financial 24 aid; providing that a student who is awarded a prepaid 25 postsecondary tuition scholarship that is purchased, in 26 whole or in part, with private sector funds is exempt from 27 the payment of the tuition differential while the 28 scholarship is in effect; requiring certain reporting;

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amending ss. 1009.534, 1009.535, and 1009.536, F.S.; providing that the award amount for a Florida Academic Scholar, Florida Medallion Scholar, and Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar shall be specified in the General Appropriations Act for the 2010-2011 academic year; amending s. 1009.984, F.S.; providing that a student who is awarded a prepaid postsecondary tuition scholarship that is purchased, in whole or in part, with private sector funds is exempt from the payment of the tuition differential while the scholarship is in effect; amending s. 1010.87, F.S.; providing that certain funds transferred to the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund in the Department of Education shall revert to the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services; amending s. 1011.32, F.S.; revising the date for transmittal to the Legislature of information relating to the Community College Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; requiring students in workforce education programs to be classified as residents or nonresidents for tuition purposes; amending s. 1011.83, F.S.; deleting certain provisions relating to funds appropriated for baccalaureate degree programs conducted by community colleges; amending s. 1011.84, F.S.; requiring the Department of Education to estimate certain community college enrollments separately; reducing the number of fiscal years to be covered in each annual estimation; requiring a community college that grants baccalaureate

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degrees to report certain expenditures separately; amending s. 1013.79, F.S.; revising the date for transmittal to the Legislature of information relating to the University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program; repealing s. 1009.5385, F.S., relating to the use of certain scholarship funds by children of deceased or disabled veterans; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 295.02, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

295.02 Use of funds; age, etc.-

(1) Sums appropriated and expended to carry out the provisions of s. 295.01(1) may shall be used to pay tuition and registration fees, board, and room rent and to buy books and supplies for the children of deceased or disabled veterans or servicemembers, as defined and limited in s. 295.01, s. 295.016, s. 295.017, s. 295.018, s. 295.0185, s. 295.019, or s. 295.0195, or of parents classified as prisoners of war or missing in action, as defined and limited in s. 295.015, who are between the ages of 16 and 22 years and who are in attendance at an eligible postsecondary education a state-supported institution as defined in s. 295.04 of higher learning, including a community college or career center. Any child having entered upon a course of training or education under the provisions of this chapter, consisting of a course of not more than 4 years, and arriving at the age of 22 years before the completion of

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such course may continue the course and receive all benefits of the provisions of this chapter until the course is completed.

- (2) Sums appropriated and expended to carry out the provisions of s. 295.01(2) may shall be used to pay tuition and registration fees, board, and room rent and to buy books and supplies for the spouses of deceased or disabled veterans or servicemembers, as defined and limited in s. 295.01, who are enrolled at an eligible postsecondary education a state-supported institution as defined in s. 295.04 of higher learning, including a community college or career center.
- (3) Notwithstanding the benefits-disbursement provision in s. 295.04, such funds shall be applicable for up to 110 percent of the number of required credit hours of an initial baccalaureate degree or certificate program for which the student spouse is enrolled.
- $\underline{(4)}$ The Department of Education shall administer this educational program subject to regulations of the department.
- Section 2. Section 295.04, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 295.04 Appropriation; benefits.-
- (1) The sum necessary for the purposes of this chapter shall be appropriated in the General Appropriations Act for each fiscal year, provided that no student shall receive an amount in excess of tuition and registration fees.
- (2) As used in this section, an "eligible postsecondary education institution" means an institution described in s. 1009.533.
 - (3) (a) A student who is enrolled in a public eligible

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postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount required to pay tuition and registration fees or the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act.

- (b) A student enrolled in a nonpublic eligible postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount that would be required to pay for the average tuition and registration fees of a public postsecondary education institution at the comparable level or the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act.
- (4) Only students in good standing in their respective institutions shall receive the benefits under this section thereof, and no student shall receive such benefits for more than 12 quarters, 8 semesters, or 8 trimesters.
- Section 3. Section 1006.72, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 1006.72 Licensing electronic library resources.-
- (1) FINDINGS.—The Legislature finds that the most cost efficient and effective means of licensing electronic library resources requires that Florida colleges and state universities collaborate with school districts and public libraries in the identification and acquisition of such resources needed by more than one sector.
- (2) PROCESS TO IDENTIFY RESOURCES.—Library staff from Florida colleges, state universities, school districts, and public libraries shall implement a process that annually identifies the electronic library resources for each of the core categories established in this section. To the extent possible, the Florida Electronic Library, the Florida Center for Library

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Automation, and the College Center for Library Automation shall jointly coordinate this annual process.

- (3) STATEWIDE CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes of the Florida Electronic Library's licensing of electronic library resources with funds allocated by the Federal Government, library representatives from public libraries, school districts, Florida colleges, and state universities shall identify the statewide core resources that will be available to all students, teachers, and citizens of the state.
- (4) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes of the licensing of electronic library resources required by both the Florida Center for Library Automation and the College Center for Library Automation from funds appropriated to the centers, Florida college and state university library staff shall identify the postsecondary education core resources that will be available to all postsecondary education students.
- (5) FOUR-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes of the licensing of electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary education core resources by the Florida Center for Library Automation from funds appropriated to the center, state university library staff, in consultation with Florida college library staff, shall identify the 4-year degree core resources that will be available to all 4-year degree seeking students in the State University System and the Florida College System. The Florida Center for Library Automation shall include in the negotiated pricing model any Florida college interested in licensing a resource.
 - (6) TWO-YEAR DEGREE CORE RESOURCES.—For purposes of the

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licensing of electronic library resources beyond the postsecondary education core resources by the College Center for Library Automation from funds appropriated to the center, Florida college library staff shall identify the 2-year degree core resources that will be available to all Florida college students. The College Center for Library Automation shall include in the negotiated pricing model any state university interested in licensing a resource.

Section 4. Subsection (1), paragraph (g) of subsection (3), and subsection (11) of section 1009.22, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.22 Workforce education postsecondary student fees.-

- (1) (a) This section applies to students enrolled in workforce education programs who are reported for funding, except that college credit fees for the community colleges are governed by s. 1009.23.
- (b) Students shall be classified by school districts and community colleges as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in workforce education programs. Resident status shall be determined in the same manner as resident status for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21.

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- (g) The State Board of Education <u>may shall</u> adopt, by rule, the definitions and procedures that district school boards and community college boards of trustees shall use in the calculation of cost borne by students.
- (11) Any school district or community college that reports students who have not paid fees in an approved manner in

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calculations of full-time equivalent enrollments for state funding purposes shall be penalized at a rate equal to 2 times the value of such enrollments. Such penalty shall be charged against the following year's allocation from workforce education funds or the Community College Program Fund and shall revert to the General Revenue Fund. The State Board of Education shall specify, as necessary in rule, approved methods of student fee payment. Such methods must include, but need not be limited to, student fee payment; payment through federal, state, or institutional financial aid; and employer fee payments.

Section 5. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (e) of subsection (16) of section 1009.24, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.24 State university student fees.-

- (16) Each university board of trustees may establish a tuition differential for undergraduate courses upon receipt of approval from the Board of Governors. The tuition differential shall promote improvements in the quality of undergraduate education and shall provide financial aid to undergraduate students who exhibit financial need.
- (a) Seventy percent of the revenues from the tuition differential shall be expended for purposes of undergraduate education. Such expenditures may include, but are not limited to, increasing course offerings, improving graduation rates, increasing the percentage of undergraduate students who are taught by faculty, decreasing student-faculty ratios, providing salary increases for faculty who have a history of excellent teaching in undergraduate courses, improving the efficiency of the delivery of undergraduate education through academic

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advisement and counseling, and reducing the percentage of students who graduate with excess hours. This expenditure for undergraduate education may not be used to pay the salaries of graduate teaching assistants. Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the remaining 30 percent of the revenues from the tuition differential, or the equivalent amount of revenue from private sources, shall be expended to provide financial aid to undergraduate students who exhibit financial need to meet the cost of university attendance. This expenditure for need-based financial aid shall not supplant the amount of need-based aid provided to undergraduate students in the preceding fiscal year from financial aid fee revenues, the direct appropriation for financial assistance provided to state universities in the General Appropriations Act, or from private sources. The total amount of tuition differential exempted under subparagraph (b) 7. and the total amount of tuition differential waived under subparagraph (b) 9. may be included in calculating the expenditures for need-based financial aid to undergraduate students required by this subsection.

- (b) Each tuition differential is subject to the following conditions:
- 1. The tuition differential may be assessed on one or more undergraduate courses or on all undergraduate courses at a state university.
- 2. The tuition differential may vary by course or courses, campus or center location, and by institution. Each university board of trustees shall strive to maintain and increase enrollment in degree programs related to math, science, high

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technology, and other state or regional high-need fields when establishing tuition differentials by course.

- 3. For each state university that has total research and development expenditures for all fields of at least \$100 million per year as reported annually to the National Science Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition differential may not be increased by more than 15 percent of the total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the preceding fiscal year. For each state university that has total research and development expenditures for all fields of less than \$100 million per year as reported annually to the National Science Foundation, the aggregate sum of tuition and the tuition differential may not be increased by more than 15 percent of the total charged for the aggregate sum of these fees in the preceding fiscal year.
- 4. The aggregate sum of undergraduate tuition and fees per credit hour, including the tuition differential, may not exceed the national average of undergraduate tuition and fees at 4-year degree-granting public postsecondary educational institutions.
- 5. The tuition differential may not be calculated as a part of the scholarship programs established in ss. 1009.53-1009.538.
- 6. Beneficiaries having prepaid tuition contracts pursuant to s. 1009.98(2)(b) which were in effect on July 1, 2007, and which remain in effect, are exempt from the payment of the tuition differential.
- 7. A student who is awarded a prepaid postsecondary tuition scholarship that is purchased, in whole or in part, with

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private sector funds pursuant to s. 1009.984 is exempt from the payment of the tuition differential while the scholarship remains in effect.

- 8.7. The tuition differential may not be charged to any student who was in attendance at the university before July 1, 2007, and who maintains continuous enrollment.
- 9.8. The tuition differential may be waived by the university for students who meet the eligibility requirements for the Florida public student assistance grant established in s. 1009.50.
- 10.9. Subject to approval by the Board of Governors, the tuition differential authorized pursuant to this subsection may take effect with the 2009 fall term.
- (e) The Board of Governors shall submit a report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor describing the implementation of the provisions of this subsection no later than January 1, 2010, and no later than January 1 each year thereafter. The report shall summarize proposals received by the board during the preceding fiscal year and actions taken by the board in response to such proposals. In addition, the report shall provide the following information for each university that has been approved by the board to assess a tuition differential:
- 1. The course or courses for which the tuition differential was assessed and the amount assessed.
- 2. The total revenues generated by the tuition differential.
 - 3. With respect to waivers authorized under subparagraph

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- 4. Detailed expenditures of the revenues generated by the tuition differential.
- 5. Changes in retention rates, graduation rates, the percentage of students graduating with more than 110 percent of the hours required for graduation, pass rates on licensure examinations, the number of undergraduate course offerings, the percentage of undergraduate students who are taught by faculty, student-faculty ratios, and the average salaries of faculty who teach undergraduate courses.
- 6. With respect to the exemption provided under subparagraph (b)7., the number of students eligible for the exemption and the value of the exemptions provided.
- Section 6. Subsection (5) of section 1009.534, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 1009.534 Florida Academic Scholars award.-
- Notwithstanding subsections (2) and (4), a Florida Academic Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act for the 2010-2011 2009-2010 academic year. This subsection expires July 1, 2011 $\frac{2010}{1}$.
- Section 7. Subsection (4) of section 1009.535, Florida 333 Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 1009.535 Florida Medallion Scholars award.
- Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Medallion 335 336 Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified

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in the General Appropriations Act for the $\underline{2010-2011}$ $\underline{2009-2010}$ academic year. This subsection expires July 1, $\underline{2011}$ $\underline{2010}$.

Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 1009.536, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award.—The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award is created within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to recognize and reward academic achievement and career preparation by high school students who wish to continue their education.

(5) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act for the $\underline{2010-2011}$ $\underline{2009-2010}$ academic year. This subsection expires July 1, $\underline{2011}$ $\underline{2010}$.

Section 9. Section 1009.984, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.984 Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Program.—The Florida Prepaid Tuition Scholarship Program is established to provide economically disadvantaged youth with prepaid postsecondary tuition scholarships. A student who is awarded a prepaid postsecondary tuition scholarship that is purchased, in whole or in part, with private sector funds under this section is exempt from the payment of the tuition differential assessed pursuant to s. 1009.24(16) while the scholarship remains in effect. The direct-support organization established pursuant to s. 1009.983 shall administer the program with the assistance and cooperation of the Department of Education to:

(1) Provide an incentive for economically disadvantaged

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youth to improve school attendance and academic performance in order to graduate and pursue a postsecondary education.

- (2) Obtain the commitment and involvement of private sector entities by virtue of funding matches with a ratio of 50 percent provided by the private sector and 50 percent provided by the state.
- (3) Purchase prepaid tuition scholarships for students certified by the Department of Education to the direct-support organization who meet minimum economic and school requirements and remain drug free and crime free.
- (a) For the purpose of this subsection, "drug free" means not being convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for, any violation of chapter 893 after being designated a recipient of a Florida prepaid tuition scholarship.
- (b) For the purpose of this subsection, "crime free" means not being convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent for, any felony or first degree misdemeanor as defined in ss. 775.08 and 775.081 after being designated a recipient of a Florida prepaid tuition scholarship.
- Section 10. Subsection (2) of section 1010.87, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1010.87 Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund within the Department of Education.—
- (2) Funds appropriated by nonoperating transfer from the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund in the Department of Financial Services that remain unencumbered as of June 30 or undisbursed as of September 30 shall revert to the Workers' Compensation Administration Trust Fund in the

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Department of Financial Services. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 216.301 and pursuant to s. 216.351, any balance in the trust fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the trust fund at the end of the year and shall be available for carrying out the purposes of the trust fund.

- Section 11. Subsection (8) of section 1011.32, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1011.32 Community College Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program.—
- (8) By October 15 September 1 of each year, the State Board of Education shall transmit to the Legislature a list of projects which meet all eligibility requirements to participate in the Community College Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program and a budget request which includes the recommended schedule necessary to complete each project.
- Section 12. Subsection (5) of section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education programs.—
- (5) State funding and student fees for workforce education instruction shall be established as follows:
- (a) For a continuing workforce education course, state funding shall equal 50 percent of the cost of instruction, with student fees, business support, quick-response training funds, or other means making up the remaining 50 percent.
- (b) For all other workforce education programs, state funding shall equal 75 percent of the average cost of instruction with the remaining 25 percent made up from student

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fees. Fees for courses within a program shall not vary according to the cost of the individual program, but instead shall be based on a uniform fee calculated and set at the state level, as adopted by the State Board of Education, unless otherwise specified in the General Appropriations Act.

- (c) For fee-exempt students pursuant to s. 1009.25, unless otherwise provided for in law, state funding shall equal 100 percent of the average cost of instruction.
- (d) For a public educational institution that has been fully funded by an external agency for direct instructional costs of any course or program, the FTE generated shall not be reported for state funding.

Students shall be classified by school districts and community colleges as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in workforce education programs. Resident status shall be determined in the same manner as resident status for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21.

Section 13. Section 1011.83, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.83 Financial support of community colleges.-

- (1) Each community college that has been approved by the Department of Education and meets the requirements of law and rules of the State Board of Education shall participate in the Community College Program Fund. However, funds to support workforce education programs conducted by community colleges shall be provided pursuant to s. 1011.80.
 - (2) Funding for baccalaureate degree programs approved

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pursuant to s. 1007.33 shall be specified in the General Appropriations Act. A student in a baccalaureate degree program approved pursuant to s. 1007.33 who is not classified as a resident for tuition purposes pursuant to s. 1009.21 may not be included in calculations of full-time equivalent enrollments for state funding purposes.

- (3) Funds specifically appropriated by the Legislature for baccalaureate degree programs approved pursuant to s. 1007.33 may be used only for such programs. A community college shall fund the nonrecurring costs related to the initiation of a new baccalaureate degree program under s. 1007.33 without new state appropriations unless special grant funds are appropriated in the General Appropriations Act. A new baccalaureate degree program may not accept students without a recurring legislative appropriation for this purpose.
- (4) State funding for baccalaureate degree programs approved pursuant to s. 1007.33 shall be as provided in the General Appropriations Act.
- (5) A community college that grants baccalaureate degrees shall maintain reporting and funding distinctions between any baccalaureate degree program approved under s. 1007.33 and any other baccalaureate degree programs involving traditional concurrent-use partnerships.
- Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 1011.84, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is added to that subsection, to read:
- 1011.84 Procedure for determining state financial support and annual apportionment of state funds to each community

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college district.—The procedure for determining state financial support and the annual apportionment to each community college district authorized to operate a community college under the provisions of s. 1001.61 shall be as follows:

- (3) DETERMINING THE APPORTIONMENT FROM STATE FUNDS.-
- (a) By December 15 of each year, the Department of Education shall estimate the annual enrollment of each community college for the current fiscal year and for the 3 6 subsequent fiscal years. These estimates shall be based upon prior years' enrollments, upon the initial fall term enrollments for the current fiscal year for each college, and upon each college's estimated current enrollment and demographic changes in the respective community college districts. Upper-division enrollment shall be estimated separately from lower-division enrollment.
- (g) Expenditures for upper-division enrollment in a community college that grants baccalaureate degrees shall be reported separately from expenditures for lower-division enrollment, in accordance with law and State Board of Education rule.
- Section 15. Subsection (8) of section 1013.79, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1013.79 University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant Program.—
- (8) By October $\underline{15}$ \pm of each year, the Board of Governors shall transmit to the Legislature a list of projects that meet all eligibility requirements to participate in the Alec P. Courtelis University Facility Enhancement Challenge Grant

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Section 17. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.

Program and a budget request that includes the recommended schedule necessary to complete each project.

Section 16. Section 1009.5385, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

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