COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION ADOPTED ____ (Y/N) ADOPTED AS AMENDED ____ (Y/N) ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION ____ (Y/N) FAILED TO ADOPT ____ (Y/N) WITHDRAWN ____ (Y/N) OTHER

Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Higher Education & Workforce Subcommittee

Representative Porter offered the following:

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Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 20 and 21, insert:

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Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) and subsection (6) of section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.531 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;
student eligibility requirements for initial awards.—

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(2)

(c) A student graduating from high school in the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter is eligible to accept an initial award for 2 years following high school graduation and to accept a renewal award for 5 years following high school graduation. A student who applies for an award by high school graduation and

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who meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not accept his or her award, may reapply during subsequent application periods up to 2 years after high school graduation. For a student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces immediately after completion of high school, the 2-year eligibility period for his or her initial award and the 5-year renewal period shall begin upon the date of separation from active duty. For a student who is receiving a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship award and discontinues his or her education to enlist in the United States Armed Forces, the remainder of his or her 5-year renewal period shall commence upon the date of separation from active duty. For a student who is unable to accept an initial award immediately after completion of high school due to a full-time religious or service obligation lasting at least 18 months, the 2-year eligibility period for his or her initial award and the 5-year renewal period begin upon the completion of his or her religious or service obligation. The full-time religious or service obligation must be documented in writing and verified by the entity for which the student completed such obligation. If a course of study is not completed after 5 academic years, an exception of 1 year to the renewal timeframe may be granted due to a verifiable illness or other documented emergency pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4. (6)(a) The State Board of Education shall publicize the

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examination score required for a student to be eligible for a

Florida Academic Scholars award, pursuant to s. 1009.534(1)(a) or (b)., as follows:

- 1. For high school students graduating in the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic years, the student must earn an SAT score of 1270 or a concordant ACT score of 28.
- 2. For high school students graduating in the 2012-2013 academic year, the student must earn an SAT score of 1280 which corresponds to the 88th SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT score of 28.
- 3. For High school students graduating in the 2013-2014 academic year and thereafter, the student must earn an SAT score of 1290 which corresponds to the 89th SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT score of 29.
- (b) The State Board of Education shall publicize the examination score required for a student to be eligible for a Florida Medallion Scholars award, pursuant to s. 1009.535(1)(a) or (b), as follows:
- 1. For high school students graduating in the 2010-2011 academic year, the student must earn an SAT score of 970 or a concordant ACT score of 20 or the student in a home education program whose parent cannot document a college-preparatory curriculum must earn an SAT score of 1070 or a concordant ACT score of 23.
- 2. For high school students graduating in the 2011-2012 academic year, the student must earn an SAT score of 980 which corresponds to the 44th SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT

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score of 21 or the student in a home education program whose parent cannot document a college-preparatory curriculum must earn an SAT score of 1070 or a concordant ACT score of 23.

3. For high school students graduating in the 2012-2013 academic year, the student must earn an SAT score of 1020 which corresponds to the 51st SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT score of 22 or the student in a home education program whose parent cannot document a college-preparatory curriculum must earn an SAT score of 1070 or a concordant ACT score of 23.

4. For High school students graduating in the 2013-2014 academic year and thereafter, the student must earn an SAT score of 1170 which corresponds to the 75th SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT score of 26 or the student in a home education program whose parent cannot document a college-preparatory curriculum must earn an SAT score of 1220 or a concordant ACT score of 27.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 3 and insert:

Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.531; delays initial award and renewal period for students unable to accept an award immediately after completion of high school due to a religious or service obligation; revising eligibility requirements for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program for home education students; amending ss. 1009.534, 1009.535,

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