

By Senator Campbell

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the Florida Bright Futures  
3       Scholarship Program; amending s. 1009.532, F.S.;  
4       revising the criteria for renewal of Florida Bright  
5       Futures Scholarship Program awards to include a  
6       minimum number of volunteer service work hours;  
7       specifying the requirements for eligible volunteer  
8       service work; prohibiting the use of hours earned from  
9       certain work to satisfy the requirements; requiring  
10      that earned volunteer service work hours be documented  
11      in writing and signed by specified individuals;  
12      providing an exception for a student who enlists in  
13      military service; providing an effective date.

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

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17       Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (1) of  
18      section 1009.532, Florida Statutes, to read:

19       1009.532 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program;  
20      student eligibility requirements for renewal awards.—

21       (1) To be eligible to renew a scholarship from any of the  
22      three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures  
23      Scholarship Program, a student must:

24       (d) For a student initially eligible in the 2018-2019  
25      academic term and thereafter, complete at least 30 hours of  
26      volunteer service work during the academic term or summer term.

27       1. The volunteer service work must be performed solely by  
28      the student and may involve, but is not limited to, activities  
29      with any of the following:

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30       a. A nonprofit organization;

31       b. A governmental agency;

32       c. A school;

33       d. A hospital;

34       e. A retirement facility; or

35       f. A disabled or elderly individual in need of assistance.

36       2. A student may not use hours earned from work with a  
37 relative's business or for which the student has received  
38 academic credit or remuneration, including money, a gift, or any  
39 other benefit, to satisfy the requirement in this paragraph.

40       3. Any earned volunteer service work hours must be  
41 documented in writing and signed by the student and the  
42 individual, or his or her representative if the individual is  
43 physically unable to sign, or a representative of the  
44 organization for which the student performed the volunteer  
45 service work.

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47 This paragraph does not apply to a student who enlists in the  
48 United States Armed Forces during the academic term or summer  
49 term.

50       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.