By Senator Stargel

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to education; amending s. 1009.215, F.S.; revising the academic terms in which certain students are eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships; providing that such students may receive the scholarships for the fall term for specified coursework under certain circumstances; amending s. 1009.53, F.S.; removing a requirement for a Florida high school graduate to enroll in certain programs within 3 years of graduation from high school in order to receive funds from the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program; expanding the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to include the Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; removing a limitation of 45 semester credit hours or the equivalent for an annual award for the scholarship program; requiring an institution that receives scholarship funds for summer terms to certify to the department certain funding information and remit any undisbursed funds within a specified period of time; amending s. 1009.531, F.S.; expanding the eligibility for an initial award of a scholarship under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program to include students who earn a high school diploma from a private school; modifying the date by which certain students must apply for a scholarship under the program; deleting provisions relating to scholarship eligibility and application requirements for certain students who graduated from
high school during specified years; extending the amount of time in which a student may reapply for an award to 5 years after high school graduation; extending the amount of time in which a student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces immediately after high school may apply for an award to 5 years after separation from active duty; providing that a student who is unable to accept an initial award due to a religious or service obligation may apply for an award within 5 years after the completion of his or her religious or service obligation; requiring that school districts provide a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report and Key only to students in specified grades; allowing a student who does not meet certain requirements for a program award additional time to meet such requirements under certain conditions; providing that such students who timely meet the requirements must receive an award for the full academic year; revising the minimum examination scores required for a student to be eligible for a Florida Academic Scholars award or a Florida Medallion Scholars award; requiring the Department of Education to develop a method for determining the required examination scores which ensures equivalency between specified examinations and is consistent with specified limitations; requiring the department to publish any changes to examination score requirements; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 1009.532, F.S.; revising
student eligibility requirements for renewal of Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards; removing obsolete language; conforming provisions to changes made by the act; amending s. 1009.536, F.S.; permitting certain Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars to receive an award from a specified funding source; providing grade point average requirements for Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars; removing limitations for certain academic years on the number of credit hours to which a student may apply a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship; reenacting and amending s. 1011.62, F.S.; removing a requirement that the total allocation relating to the federally connected student supplement be prorated under certain circumstances; revising the distribution formula for a certain portion of the safe schools allocation; deleting obsolete language; creating the funding compression allocation; providing the purpose of the allocation; authorizing funding for the annual allocation for specified purposes; providing the calculation for the allocation; deleting obsolete language; amending s. 1011.80, F.S.; removing a limitation on the maximum amount of funding that may be appropriated for performance funding relating to funds for operation of workforce education programs; amending s. 1011.81, F.S.; removing a limitation on the maximum amount of funding that may be appropriated for performance funding relating to industry certifications for Florida College System institutions; providing an
Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Effective July 1, 2019, and upon the expiration and reversion of the amendment made to section 1009.215, Florida Statutes, pursuant to section 13 of chapter 2018-10, Laws of Florida, subsection (3) of section 1009.215, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1009.215 Student enrollment pilot program for the spring and summer terms.—

(3) Students who are enrolled in the pilot program and who are eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships under ss. 1009.53-1009.536 are eligible to receive the scholarship award for attendance during the spring and summer terms. This student cohort is also eligible to receive Bright Futures Scholarships during the fall term which may be used for off-campus or online coursework, if Bright Futures Scholarship funding is provided by the Legislature for three terms for other eligible students during that academic year no more than 2 semesters or the equivalent in any fiscal year, including the summer term.

Section 2. Subsections (1), (2), and (3), paragraph (a) of subsection (4), subsection (5), and subsection (7) of section 1009.53, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.53 Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program.—

(1) The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program is created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition
of high academic achievement and who enrolls in a degree
program, certificate program, or applied technology program at
an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education
institution within 3 years of graduation from high school.

(2) The Bright Futures Scholarship Program consists of four
types of awards: the Florida Academic Scholarship, the
Florida Medallion Scholarship, the Florida Gold Seal CAPE
Scholarship, and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship.

(3) The Department of Education shall administer the Bright
Futures Scholarship Program according to rules and procedures
established by the State Board of Education. A single
application must be sufficient for a student to apply for any of
the three types of awards. The department shall advertise the
availability of the scholarship program and shall notify
students, teachers, parents, certified school counselors, and
principals or other relevant school administrators of the
criteria and application procedures. The department must begin
this process of notification no later than January 1 of each
year.

(4) Funding for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program must
be allocated from the Education Enhancement Trust Fund and must
be provided before allocations from that fund are calculated for
disbursement to other educational entities.

(a) If funds appropriated are not adequate to provide the
maximum allowable award to each eligible applicant, awards in
all three components of the program must be prorated using the
same percentage reduction.

(5) The department shall issue awards from the scholarship
program annually. Annual awards may be for up to 45 semester
credit hours or the equivalent. Before the registration period

each semester, the department shall transmit payment for each

award to the president or director of the postsecondary

education institution, or his or her representative, except that

the department may withhold payment if the receiving institution

fails to report or to make refunds to the department as required

in this section.

(a) Within 30 days after the end of regular registration

each semester, the educational institution shall certify to the

department the eligibility status of each student who receives

an award. After the end of the drop and add period, an

institution is not required to reevaluate or revise a student’s

eligibility status; however, an institution must make a refund

to the department within 30 days after the end of the semester

of any funds received for courses dropped by a student or

courses from which a student has withdrawn after the end of the

drop and add period, unless the student has been granted an

exception by the department pursuant to subsection (11).

(b) An institution that receives funds from the program for

the fall and spring terms shall certify to the department the

amount of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to the

department any undisbursed advances within 60 days after the end

of regular registration. An institution that receives funds from

the program for the summer term shall certify to the department

the amount of funds disbursed to each student and shall remit to

the department any undisbursed advances within 30 days after the

end of the summer term.

(c) Each institution that receives moneys through this

program shall provide for a financial audit, as defined in s.

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11.45, conducted by an independent certified public accountant or the Auditor General for each fiscal year in which the institution expends program moneys in excess of $100,000. At least every 2 years, the audit shall include an examination of the institution’s administration of the program and the institution’s accounting of the moneys for the program since the last examination of the institution’s administration of the program. The report on the audit must be submitted to the department within 9 months after the end of the fiscal year. The department may conduct its own annual audit of an institution’s administration of the program. The department may request a refund of any moneys overpaid to the institution for the program. The department may suspend or revoke an institution’s eligibility to receive future moneys for the program if the department finds that an institution has not complied with this section. The institution must remit within 60 days any refund requested in accordance with this subsection.

(d) Any institution that is not subject to an audit pursuant to this subsection shall attest, under penalty of perjury, that the moneys were used in compliance with law. The attestation shall be made annually in a form and format determined by the department.

(7) A student may receive only one type of award from the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program at any given time, but may transfer from one type of award to another through the renewal application process, if the student’s eligibility status changes. However, a student is not eligible to transfer from a Florida Medallion Scholarship, a Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship, or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship to a
Florida Academic Scholarship. A student who receives an award from the program may also receive a federal family education loan or a federal direct loan, and the value of the award must be considered in the certification or calculation of the student’s loan eligibility.

Section 3. Section 1009.531, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(1) In order to be eligible for an initial award from any of the three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a student must:

(a) Be a Florida resident as defined in s. 1009.40 and rules of the State Board of Education.

(b) Earn a standard Florida high school diploma pursuant to s. 1002.3105(5), s. 1003.4281, or s. 1003.4282 or a high school equivalency diploma pursuant to s. 1003.435 unless:

1. The student completes a home education program according to s. 1002.41; or

2. The student earns a high school diploma from a non-Florida school while living with a parent or guardian who is on military or public service assignment away from Florida; or

3. The student earns a high school diploma from a Florida private school operating pursuant to s. 1002.42.

(c) Be accepted by and enroll in an eligible Florida public or independent postsecondary education institution.

(d) Be enrolled for at least 6 semester credit hours or the equivalent in quarter hours or clock hours.

(e) Not have been found guilty of, or entered a plea of
nolo contendere to, a felony charge, unless the student has been
granted clemency by the Governor and Cabinet sitting as the
Executive Office of Clemency.

(f) Apply for a scholarship from the program by high school
graduation. However, a student who graduates from high school
midyear must apply no later than December August 31 of the
student’s graduation year in order to be evaluated for and, if
eligible, receive an award for the current academic year.

(2) (a) A student graduating from high school prior to the
2010-2011 academic year is eligible to accept an initial award
for 3 years following high school graduation and to accept a
renewal award for 7 years following high school graduation. A
student who applies for an award by high school graduation and
who meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not
accept his or her award, may reapply during subsequent
application periods up to 3 years after high school graduation.
For a student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces
immediately after completion of high school, the 3-year
eligibility period for his or her initial award shall begin upon
the date of separation from active duty. For a student who is
receiving a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and discontinues
his or her education to enlist in the United States Armed
Forces, the remainder of his or her 7-year renewal period shall
commence upon the date of separation from active duty.

(b) Students graduating from high school in the 2010-2011
and 2011-2012 academic years are eligible to accept an initial
award for 3 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 3 years after high school graduation. For a student who enlists in the United States Armed Forces immediately after completion of high school, the 3-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. 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.

(c) A student graduating from high school in the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter is eligible to receive 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 who meets all other eligibility requirements, but who does not accept his or her award, may reapply during subsequent application periods up to 5½ 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 which begins within 1 year after completion of high school, the 2-year eligibility period for his or her initial award and the 5-year renewal period begins upon the completion of his or her religious or service obligation. The organization sponsoring the full-time religious or service obligation must meet the requirements for nonprofit status under s. 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or be a federal government service organization, including, but not limited to, the Peace Corps and AmeriCorps programs. The obligation must be documented in writing and verified by the entity for which the student completed the obligation on a standardized form prescribed by the department. 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.

(3) For purposes of calculating the grade point average to be used in determining initial eligibility for a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship, the department shall assign additional weights to grades earned in the following courses:

(a) Courses identified in the course code directory as Advanced Placement, pre-International Baccalaureate, International Baccalaureate, International General Certificate of Secondary Education (pre-AICE), or Advanced International
Certificate of Education.

(b) Courses designated as academic dual enrollment courses in the statewide course numbering system.

The department may assign additional weights to courses, other than those described in paragraphs (a) and (b), that are identified by the Department of Education as containing rigorous academic curriculum and performance standards. The additional weight assigned to a course pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed 0.5 per course. The weighted system shall be developed and distributed to all high schools in the state prior to January 1, 1998. The department may determine a student’s eligibility status during the senior year before graduation and may inform the student of the award at that time.

(4) Each school district shall annually provide to each high school student in grade 11 or 12 a complete and accurate Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Evaluation Report and Key. The report shall be disseminated at the beginning of each school year. The report must include all high school coursework attempted, the number of credits earned toward each type of award, and the calculation of the grade point average for each award. The report must also identify all requirements not met per award, including the grade point average requirement, as well as identify the awards for which the student has met the academic requirements. The student report cards must contain a disclosure that the grade point average calculated for purposes of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program may differ from the grade point average on the report card.

(5) A student who wishes to qualify for a particular award...
within the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, but who does not meet all of the requirements for that level of award by the applicable deadlines, may be allowed additional time to complete the requirements, nevertheless, receive the award if the principal of the student’s school or the district superintendent verifies that the deficiency is caused by the fact that school district personnel provided inaccurate or incomplete information to the student. The school district must provide a means for the student to correct the deficiencies and the student must correct them, either by completing comparable work at the postsecondary institution or by completing a directed individualized study program developed and administered by the school district. If the student does not complete the requirements by December 31 immediately following high school graduation, the student is ineligible to participate in the program. If the student completes the requirements by December 31, the student must receive the award for the full academic year, including the fall term.

(6)(a) The State Board of Education shall publicize the 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 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years, a student must achieve an SAT combined score of 1290 or an ACT composite score of 29.

2. For high school students graduating in the 2020-2021 academic year and thereafter, a student must achieve the required examination scores published by the department, which are determined as provided in subsection (c) High school
students 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 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 academic years, a student must achieve an SAT combined score of 1170 or an ACT composite score of 26.

2. For high school students graduating in the 2020-2021 academic year and thereafter, a student must achieve the required examination scores published by the department, which students must earn an SAT score of 1170 which corresponds to the 75th SAT percentile rank or a concordant ACT score of 26.

(c) To ensure that the required examination scores represent top student performance and are equivalent between the SAT and ACT, the department shall develop a method for determining the required examination scores which incorporates all of the following:

1. The minimum required SAT score for the Florida Academic Scholarship must be set no lower than the 89th national percentile on the SAT. The department may adjust the required SAT score only if the required score drops below the 89th national percentile, and any such adjustment must be applied to the bottom of the SAT score range that is concordant to the ACT.

2. The minimum required SAT score for the Florida Medallion Scholarship must be set no lower than the 75th national percentile on the SAT. The department may adjust the required
SAT score only if the required score drops below the 75th national percentile, and any such adjustment must be made to the bottom of the SAT score range that is concordant to the ACT.

3. The required ACT scores must be made concordant to the required SAT scores, using the latest published national concordance table developed jointly by the College Board and ACT, Inc.

(d) Before each school year, the department shall publish any changes to the examination score requirements that apply to students graduating in the next 2 years. The SAT percentile ranks and corresponding SAT scores specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) are based on the SAT percentile ranks for 2010 college-bound seniors in critical reading and mathematics as reported by the College Board. The next highest SAT score is used when the percentile ranks do not directly correspond.

Section 4. 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 eligible to renew a scholarship from any of the three types of scholarships under the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, a student must:

(a) Effective for students funded in the 2009-2010 academic year and thereafter, earn at least 24 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, or a prorated number of credit hours as determined by the Department of Education if the student was enrolled less than full time for any part of the academic year. For students initially eligible
prior to the 2010-2011 academic term, if a student fails to earn the minimum number of hours required to renew the scholarship, the student shall lose his or her eligibility for renewal for a period equivalent to 1 academic year. Such student is eligible to restore the award the following academic year if the student earns the hours for which he or she was enrolled at the level defined by the department and meets the grade point average for renewal. A student is eligible for such restoration one time. The department shall notify eligible recipients of the provisions of this paragraph. Each institution shall notify award recipients of the provisions of this paragraph during the registration process.

(b) Maintain the cumulative grade point average required by the scholarship program, except that:

1. If a recipient’s grades fall beneath the average required to renew a Florida Academic Scholarship, but are sufficient to renew a Florida Medallion Scholarship, a Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholarship, or a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship, the Department of Education may grant a renewal from one of those other scholarship programs, if the student meets the renewal eligibility requirements;

2. For students initially eligible prior to the 2010-2011 academic term, if at any time during the eligibility period a student’s grades are insufficient to renew the scholarship, the student may restore eligibility by improving the grade point average to the required level. A student is eligible for such a restoration one time. The Legislature encourages education institutions to assist students to calculate whether or not it is possible to raise the grade point average during the summer.
term. If the institution determines that it is possible, the education institution may so inform the department, which may reserve the student’s award if funds are available. The renewal, however, must not be granted until the student achieves the required cumulative grade point average. If the summer term is not sufficient to raise the grade point average to the required renewal level, the student’s next opportunity for renewal is the fall semester of the following academic year; or

2.3. For students initially eligible in the 2010-2011 academic term and thereafter, if at any time during a student’s first academic year the student’s grades are insufficient to renew the scholarship, the student may restore eligibility by improving the grade point average to the required level. A student is eligible for such a restoration one time. The Legislature encourages education institutions to assist students to calculate whether or not it is possible to raise the grade point average during the summer term. If the education institution determines that it is possible, the institution may so inform the department, which may reserve the student’s award if funds are available. The renewal, however, must not be granted until the student achieves the required cumulative grade point average. If the summer term is not sufficient to raise the grade point average to the required renewal level, the student’s next opportunity for renewal is the fall semester of the following academic year.

(c) Reimburse or make satisfactory arrangements to reimburse the institution for the award amount received for courses dropped after the end of the drop and add period or courses from which the student withdraws after the end of the
drop and add period unless the student has received an exception pursuant to s. 1009.53(11).

(2) For students initially eligible in the 2010-2011 academic term and thereafter, and unless otherwise provided in this section, if a student does not meet the requirements for renewal of a scholarship because of lack of completion of sufficient credit hours or insufficient grades, the scholarship shall be renewed only if the student failed to complete sufficient credit hours or to meet sufficient grade requirements due to verifiable illness or other documented emergency, in which case the student may be granted an exception from academic requirements pursuant to s. 1009.40(1)(b)4.

(3)(a) A student who is initially eligible prior to the 2010-2011 academic year and is enrolled in a program that terminates in an associate degree or a baccalaureate degree may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete the program. A student who is enrolled in a program that terminates in a career certificate may receive an award for a maximum of 110 percent of the credit hours or clock hours required to complete the program up to 90 credit hours.

(b) Students who are initially eligible in the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic years may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete an associate degree program or a baccalaureate degree program or receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the credit hours or clock hours required to complete up to 90 credit hours of a program that terminates in a career certificate.

(a) (c) A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013
academic year and thereafter may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete an associate degree program, a baccalaureate degree program, or a postsecondary career certificate program or, for a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award, may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution that offers these specific programs: for an applied technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number of hours required for a specific degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels to another program level becomes eligible for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

(b)(d)1. A student who is initially eligible in the 2017-2018 academic year and thereafter for a Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award under s. 1009.536(2) may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution that offers these specific programs: for an applied technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number
of hours required for a specific degree, not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a specific certificate, not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels to another program level is eligible for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

2. A Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholar who completes a technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13) may also receive an award for:
   a. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of science degree program for which there is a statewide associate in science degree program to bachelor of science degree program articulation agreement; or
   b. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of applied science degree program at a Florida College System institution.

(4) A student who receives an initial award during the spring term shall be evaluated for scholarship renewal after the completion of a full academic year, which begins with the fall term.

(5) A student who receives an award and is subsequently determined ineligible due to updated grade or hour information may not receive a disbursement for a subsequent term, unless the student successfully restores the award.

Section 5. Subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section 1009.536, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.536 Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars and Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars awards.—The Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award and the Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award are
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.

(3) A Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar or a Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholar who is enrolled in a public or nonpublic postsecondary education institution is eligible for an award equal to the amount specified in the General Appropriations Act to assist with the payment of educational expenses.

(4) To be eligible for a renewal award as a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholar or a Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholar, a student must maintain the equivalent of a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale with an opportunity for restoration one time as provided in this chapter.

(5)(a) A student who is initially eligible prior to the 2010-2011 academic year may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for 110 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the equivalent.

(b) Students who are initially eligible in the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 academic years may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for 100 percent of the number of credit hours required to complete the program, up to 90 credit hours or the equivalent.

(c) A student who is initially eligible in the 2012-2013 academic year and thereafter may earn a Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholarship for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution that offers these specific programs: for
an applied technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number of hours required for a specific degree not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a specific certificate not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours.

(b)(d)1. A student who is initially eligible in the 2017-2018 academic year and thereafter for a Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award under subsection (2) may receive an award for a maximum of 100 percent of the number of credit hours or equivalent clock hours required to complete one of the following at a Florida public or nonpublic education institution that offers these specific programs: for an applied technology diploma program as defined in s. 1004.02(7), up to 60 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; for a technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13), up to the number of hours required for a specific degree, not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours; or for a career certificate program as defined in s. 1004.02(20), up to the number of hours required for a specific certificate, not to exceed 72 credit hours or equivalent clock hours. A student who transfers from one of these program levels to another program level is eligible for the higher of the two credit hour limits.

2. A Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholar who completes a technical degree education program as defined in s. 1004.02(13) may also receive an award for:
a. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of science degree program for which there is a statewide associate in science degree program to bachelor of science degree program articulation agreement; or

b. A maximum of 60 credit hours for a bachelor of applied science degree program at a Florida College System institution.

Section 6. Paragraph (d) of subsection (13) and subsection (15) of section 1011.62, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (17) of that section is reenacted and amended, to read:

1011.62 Funds for operation of schools.—If the annual allocation from the Florida Education Finance Program to each district for operation of schools is not determined in the annual appropriations act or the substantive bill implementing the annual appropriations act, it shall be determined as follows:

(13) FEDERALLY CONNECTED STUDENT SUPPLEMENT.—The federally connected student supplement is created to provide supplemental funding for school districts to support the education of students connected with federally owned military installations, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) real property, and Indian lands. To be eligible for this supplement, the district must be eligible for federal Impact Aid Program funds under s. 8003 of Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. The supplement shall be allocated annually to each eligible school district in the General Appropriations Act. The supplement shall be the sum of the student allocation and an exempt property allocation.

(d) The amount allocated for each eligible school district
shall be recalculated during the year using actual student membership, as amended, from the most recent February survey and the tax-exempt valuation from the most recent assessment roll. Upon recalculation, if the total allocation is greater than the amount provided in the General Appropriations Act, it must be prorated to the level of the appropriation based on each district’s share of the total recalculated amount.

(15) SAFE SCHOOLS ALLOCATION.—A safe schools allocation is created to provide funding to assist school districts in their compliance with s. 1006.07, with priority given to implementing the district’s school resource officer program pursuant to s. 1006.12. Each school district shall receive a minimum safe schools allocation in an amount provided in the General Appropriations Act. Of the remaining balance of the safe schools allocation, one-third two-thirds shall be allocated to school districts based on the most recent official Florida Crime Index provided by the Department of Law Enforcement and two-thirds one-third shall be allocated based on each school district’s proportionate share of the state’s total unweighted full-time equivalent student enrollment. Any additional funds appropriated to this allocation in the 2018-2019 fiscal year to the school resource officer program established pursuant to s. 1006.12 shall be used exclusively for employing or contracting for school resource officers, which shall be in addition to the number of officers employed or contracted for in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

(17) FUNDING COMPRESSION ALLOCATION.—The Legislature may provide an annual funding compression allocation in the General Appropriations Act. The allocation is created to provide
additional funding to school districts and developmental research schools whose total funds per FTE in the prior year were less than the statewide average. Using the most recent prior year FEFP calculation for each eligible school district, the total funds per FTE shall be subtracted from the state average funds per FTE, not including any adjustments made pursuant to paragraph (18)(b). The resulting funds per FTE difference, or a portion thereof, as designated in the General Appropriations Act, shall then be multiplied by the school district’s total unweighted FTE to provide the allocation. If the calculated funds are greater than the amount included in the General Appropriations Act, they must be prorated to the appropriation amount based on each participating school district’s share. This subsection expires July 1, 2019.

Section 7. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 1011.80, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.80 Funds for operation of workforce education programs.—
(6)
(b) Performance funding for industry certifications for school district workforce education programs is contingent upon specific appropriation in the General Appropriations Act and shall be determined as follows:

1. Occupational areas for which industry certifications may be earned, as established in the General Appropriations Act, are eligible for performance funding. Priority shall be given to the occupational areas emphasized in state, national, or corporate grants provided to Florida educational institutions.

2. The Chancellor of Career and Adult Education shall
identify the industry certifications eligible for funding on the CAPE Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List approved by the State Board of Education pursuant to s. 1008.44, based on the occupational areas specified in the General Appropriations Act.

3. Each school district shall be provided $1,000 for each industry certification earned by a workforce education student. The maximum amount of funding appropriated for performance funding pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to $15 million annually. If funds are insufficient to fully fund the calculated total award, such funds shall be prorated.

Section 8. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 1011.81, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1011.81 Florida College System Program Fund.—
(2) Performance funding for industry certifications for Florida College System institutions is contingent upon specific appropriation in the General Appropriations Act and shall be determined as follows:

(c) Each Florida College System institution shall be provided $1,000 for each industry certification earned by a student. The maximum amount of funding appropriated for performance funding pursuant to this subsection shall be limited to $15 million annually. If funds are insufficient to fully fund the calculated total award, such funds shall be prorated.

Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.