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Senator, District 19

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**FINE TO REFILE DESANTIS-ENDORSED BILL CUTTING \$45M FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS DURING SPECIAL SESSION**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact:** Anna Budko (321) 409-2025

**Tallahassee, FL.** – Today, after Governor Ron DeSantis announced he is calling a special session on illegal immigration the week of January 27<sup>th</sup> and wants the content of Senator Randy Fine’s SB 90 passed during that session, Fine announced that he would re-file SB90 as a Special Session bill the moment bill filing opens. SB 90 repeals a 2014 state law offering illegal immigrants heavily subsidized in-state tuition rates at Florida’s 12 state universities and 28 state colleges. In 2021, the State of Florida reported the subsidy cost taxpayers \$45 million.

“Governor DeSantis and I have had our differences, but one thing we have both wanted to do for years is end the \$45 million in handouts for illegal immigrants that attend our world-renowned colleges and universities,” said Fine. “I am excited that as I prepare to leave the Legislature for Congress, we will be able to work together to get this done. It is immoral that Americans from the other 49 states pay more to attend Florida’s colleges and universities than illegal immigrants. And it is appalling that we ask Floridians to pay \$45 million a year to facilitate it.”

Students from the other 49 states and Puerto Rico pay full price to attend Florida’s top-rated colleges and universities, nearly three times the subsidized Florida resident rates. The average cost for in-state tuition for the 2024-2025 school year is \$6,143, according to the State University System of Florida.

The University of Florida, for example, charges \$6,381 for in-state tuition versus \$28,658 for out-of-state, according to US News & World Report.

“This is a no-brainer way to reduce the size of government and free up resources to help Floridians in need. We must put Floridians first, and I am proud to do my part to rebalance the scales for our citizens,” said Fine.

A 2021 American Community Survey assessed by the American Immigration Council revealed that 408,000 illegal immigrants attend college in the United States. Florida is ranked third behind Texas and New Jersey for the number of illegal aliens attending colleges or universities here.

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SB 90 would not modify the admission policies of Florida's state colleges and universities; it would simply eliminate the subsidized rate that was written into state law in 2014.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Randy A. Fine". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Randy Fine  
State Senator, District 19