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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to student financial assistance; amending  
s. 1009.50, F.S.; revising provisions relating to student  
eligibility for receipt of a Florida public student  
assistance grant; providing an appropriation; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and subsection  
(3) of section 1009.50, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

1009.50 Florida Public Student Assistance Grant Program;  
eligibility for grants.--

(2)(a) State student assistance grants through the program  
may be made only to degree-seeking students who enroll in at  
least 3 ~~6~~ semester hours, or the equivalent per term, and who  
meet the general requirements for student eligibility as  
provided in s. 1009.40, except as otherwise provided in this  
section. The grants shall be awarded annually for the amount of  
demonstrated unmet need for the cost of education and may not  
exceed an amount equal to the average prior academic year cost  
of tuition, ~~fees and~~ other registration fees, and assigned books  
and supplies for 40 ~~30~~ credit hours at state universities or  
such other amount as specified in the General Appropriations  
Act, to any recipient. A demonstrated unmet need of less than  
\$100 ~~\$200~~ shall render the applicant ineligible for a state  
student assistance grant. Recipients of the grants must have  
been accepted at a state university or community college  
authorized by Florida law. A student is eligible for the award  
for 125 ~~110~~ percent of the number of credit hours required to



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31 complete the program in which enrolled, except as otherwise  
32 provided in s. 1009.40(3).

33 (3) Based on the unmet financial need of an eligible  
34 applicant, the amount of a Florida public student assistance  
35 grant must be between \$100 ~~\$200~~ and the weighted average of the  
36 cost of tuition, ~~and~~ other registration fees, and assigned books  
37 and supplies for 40 ~~30~~ credit hours at state universities per  
38 academic year or the amount specified in the General  
39 Appropriations Act.

40 Section 2. There is hereby appropriated from the General  
41 Revenue Fund to the Department of Education for fiscal year  
42 2003-2004 the sum of \$30 million for the Florida Public Student  
43 Assistance Grant Program.

44 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.