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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to postsecondary student fees;  
3           amending s. 1009.25, F.S.; clarifying an exemption  
4           from fee requirements provided for a student who is or  
5           was at the time he or she reached 18 years of age in  
6           the custody of a relative under the Relative Caregiver  
7           Program or who was adopted from the Department of  
8           Children and Family Services after a specified date;  
9           providing that such exemption includes fees associated  
10          with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction and  
11          the completion of the college-level communication and  
12          computation skills testing program; providing that the  
13          exemption remains valid for 4 years after the date of  
14          graduation from high school; providing an effective  
15          date.

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

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19           Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 1009.25, Florida  
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21           1009.25 Fee exemptions.—

22           (2) The following students are exempt from the payment of  
23 tuition and fees, including lab fees, at a school district that  
24 provides postsecondary career programs, community college, or  
25 state university:

26           (a) A student enrolled in a dual enrollment or early  
27 admission program pursuant to s. 1007.27 or s. 1007.271.

28           (b) A student enrolled in an approved apprenticeship  
29 program, as defined in s. 446.021.

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30 (c) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached  
31 18 years of age in the custody of the Department of Children and  
32 Family Services or a relative under s. 39.5085, who is adopted  
33 from the Department of Children and Family Services after May 5,  
34 1997, or who, after spending at least 6 months in the custody of  
35 the department after reaching 16 years of age, was placed in a  
36 guardianship by the court. Such exemption includes fees  
37 associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction and  
38 completion of the college-level communication and computation  
39 skills testing program. ~~Such an exemption is available to any~~  
40 ~~student who was in the custody of a relative under s. 39.5085 at~~  
41 ~~the time he or she reached 18 years of age or was adopted from~~  
42 ~~the Department of Children and Family Services after May 5,~~  
43 ~~1997; however, the exemption remains valid for no more than 4~~  
44 ~~years after the date of graduation from high school.~~

45 (d) A student who is or was at the time he or she reached  
46 18 years of age in the custody of a relative under s. 39.5085 or  
47 who was adopted from the Department of Children and Family  
48 Services after May 5, 1997. Such exemption includes fees  
49 associated with enrollment in career-preparatory instruction and  
50 completion of the college-level communication and computation  
51 skills testing program. The exemption remains valid for 4 years  
52 after the date of graduation from high school.

53 (e)~~(d)~~ A student enrolled in an employment and training  
54 program under the welfare transition program. The regional  
55 workforce board shall pay the state university, community  
56 college, or school district for costs incurred for welfare  
57 transition program participants.

58 (f)~~(e)~~ A student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate

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59 nighttime residence or whose primary nighttime residence is a  
60 public or private shelter designed to provide temporary  
61 residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized, or a  
62 public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as,  
63 a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

64 (g) ~~(f)~~ A student who is a proprietor, owner, or worker of a  
65 company whose business has been at least 50 percent negatively  
66 financially impacted by the buy-out of property around Lake  
67 Apopka by the State of Florida. Such a student may receive a fee  
68 exemption only if the student has not received compensation  
69 because of the buy-out, the student is designated a Florida  
70 resident for tuition purposes, pursuant to s. 1009.21, and the  
71 student has applied for and been denied financial aid, pursuant  
72 to s. 1009.40, which would have provided, at a minimum, payment  
73 of all student fees. The student is responsible for providing  
74 evidence to the postsecondary education institution verifying  
75 that the conditions of this paragraph have been met, including  
76 supporting ~~support~~ documentation provided by the Department of  
77 Revenue. The student must be currently enrolled in, or begin  
78 coursework within, a program area by fall semester 2000. The  
79 exemption is valid for a period of 4 years after ~~from~~ the date  
80 that the postsecondary education institution confirms that the  
81 conditions of this paragraph have been met.

82 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.