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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to resident status for tuition purposes; amending s. 1009.21, F.S.; classifying as residents for tuition purposes certain dependent children who meet requirements relating to high school attendance, timely enrollment in an institution of higher education, and submission of the high school transcript; requiring the State Board of Education to adopt rules and the Board of Governors of the State University System to adopt regulations; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (1) is added to subsection (10) of section 1009.21, Florida Statutes, and subsection (13) of that section is amended, to read:

1009.21 Determination of resident status for tuition purposes.—Students shall be classified as residents or nonresidents for the purpose of assessing tuition in postsecondary educational programs offered by charter technical career centers or career centers operated by school districts, in Florida College System institutions, and in state universities.

(10) The following persons shall be classified as residents for tuition purposes:

(1) A dependent child who is a United States citizen, a lawful permanent resident, or a qualified legal alien whose

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parent is not a United States citizen, a lawful permanent
resident, or a qualified legal alien and who attends a Florida
high school for 4 consecutive years, enrolls in an institution
of higher education within 12 months after graduating from a
Florida high school, and submits to the institution of higher
education his or her high school transcript prior to initial
enrollment in the institution.

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- (13) The State Board of Education  $\underline{\text{shall adopt rules}}$  and the Board of Governors shall adopt  $\underline{\text{regulations}}$   $\underline{\text{rules}}$  to implement this section.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.