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An act relating to state university fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; requiring a state university to waive certain fees for certain graduate students; providing for funding of the waiver; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (14) is added to section 1009.26, Florida Statutes, to read:

1009.26 Fee waivers.-

(14) A state university shall waive any or all application fees and tuition and related fees for a graduate student who has at least a 0.25 full-time equivalent appointment as a graduate assistant, graduate research assistant, graduate teaching assistant, graduate research associate, or graduate teaching associate. A state university shall fund this waiver from annual funds provided in the General Appropriations Act for the general operations of universities.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.