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1 A bill to be entitled  
 2 An act relating to postsecondary education tuition and  
 3 fee waivers; amending s. 1009.26, F.S.; deleting a  
 4 requirement that a state university, Florida College  
 5 System institution, career center operated by a school  
 6 district, or charter technical career center waive  
 7 out-of-state fees for certain students, including  
 8 certain undocumented students, who meet specified  
 9 requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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 13 Section 1. Subsection (12) of section 1009.26, Florida  
 14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 1009.26 Fee waivers.—

16 ~~(12) (a) A state university, a Florida College System~~  
 17 ~~institution, a career center operated by a school district under~~  
 18 ~~s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center shall waive~~  
 19 ~~out-of-state fees for students, including, but not limited to,~~  
 20 ~~students who are undocumented for federal immigration purposes,~~  
 21 ~~who meet the following conditions:~~

22 ~~1. Attended a secondary school in this state for 3~~  
 23 ~~consecutive years immediately before graduating from a high~~  
 24 ~~school in this state;~~

25 ~~2. Apply for enrollment in an institution of higher~~  
 26 ~~education within 24 months after high school graduation; and~~

27 ~~3. Submit an official Florida high school transcript as~~  
 28 ~~evidence of attendance and graduation.~~

29 ~~(b) Tuition and fees charged to a student who qualifies for~~  
 30 ~~the out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection may not exceed~~  
 31 ~~the tuition and fees charged to a resident student. The waiver~~  
 32 ~~is applicable for 110 percent of the required credit hours of~~

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33 ~~the degree or certificate program for which the student is~~  
34 ~~enrolled. Each state university, Florida College System~~  
35 ~~institution, career center operated by a school district under~~  
36 ~~s. 1001.44, and charter technical career center shall report to~~  
37 ~~the Board of Governors and the State Board of Education,~~  
38 ~~respectively, the number and value of all fee waivers granted~~  
39 ~~annually under this subsection. By October 1 of each year, the~~  
40 ~~Board of Governors for the state universities and the State~~  
41 ~~Board of Education for Florida College System institutions,~~  
42 ~~career centers operated by a school district under s. 1001.44,~~  
43 ~~and charter technical career centers shall annually report for~~  
44 ~~the previous academic year the percentage of resident and~~  
45 ~~nonresident students enrolled systemwide.~~

46 ~~(c) A state university student granted an out-of-state fee~~  
47 ~~waiver under this subsection must be considered a nonresident~~  
48 ~~student for purposes of calculating the systemwide total~~  
49 ~~enrollment of nonresident students as limited by regulation of~~  
50 ~~the Board of Governors. In addition, a student who is granted an~~  
51 ~~out-of-state fee waiver under this subsection is not eligible~~  
52 ~~for state financial aid under part III of this chapter and must~~  
53 ~~not be reported as a resident for tuition purposes.~~

54 ~~(d) A state university, a Florida College System~~  
55 ~~institution, a career center operated by a school district under~~  
56 ~~s. 1001.44, or a charter technical career center shall, within~~  
57 ~~the nonresident student enrollment systemwide, prioritize the~~  
58 ~~enrollment of a veteran who is granted an out-of-state fee~~  
59 ~~waiver pursuant to the Congressman C.W. "Bill" Young Tuition~~  
60 ~~Waiver Act over a student who is granted an out-of-state fee~~  
61 ~~waiver under this subsection.~~

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.