

By Senator Stewart

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to minority teacher education
3 scholars; amending s. 1009.60, F.S.; revising
4 eligibility criteria for receipt of a minority teacher
5 education scholarship; amending s. 1009.605, F.S.;
6 revising the scholar awards on which the Florida Fund
7 for Minority Teachers, Inc.'s budget projection to the
8 Department of Education must be based; providing an
9 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. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 1009.60,
14 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

15 1009.60 Minority teacher education scholars program.—There
16 is created the minority teacher education scholars program,
17 which is a collaborative performance-based scholarship program
18 for African-American, Hispanic-American, Asian-American, and
19 Native American students. The participants in the program
20 include Florida's Florida College System institutions and its
21 public and private universities that have teacher education
22 programs.

23 (1) The minority teacher education scholars program shall
24 provide an annual scholarship in an amount that shall be
25 prorated based on available appropriations and may not exceed
26 \$4,000 for each approved minority teacher education scholar who
27 is enrolled in one of Florida's public or private colleges or
28 universities, ~~in the junior year and~~ is admitted into a teacher
29 education program, and has not earned more than 18 credit hours

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30 of upper-division-level courses in education.

31 (4) A student may receive a scholarship from the program
32 for 3 consecutive years if the student remains enrolled full-
33 time in the program and makes satisfactory progress toward a
34 baccalaureate degree with a major in education or a graduate
35 degree with a major in education, leading to initial
36 certification.

37 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
38 1009.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

39 1009.605 Florida Fund for Minority Teachers, Inc.—

40 (2) (a) The corporation shall submit an annual budget
41 projection to the Department of Education to be included in the
42 annual legislative budget request. The projection must be based
43 on the cost to award up to 350 scholarships to new scholars ~~in~~
44 ~~the junior year~~ and up to 350 renewal scholarships ~~to the 350~~
45 ~~rising seniors.~~

46 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.