Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education (Clemens) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 467 - 510

and insert:

burden on the citizens of the state. Because the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program is not related to a student’s financial need or other criteria upon which financial aid programs are based, it is the intent of the Legislature that the William L. Boyd, IV, Florida Resident Access Grant Program not be considered a financial aid program
but rather a tuition assistance program for its citizens.

(2) The William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Florida Resident Access Program shall be administered by the Department of Education. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the administration of the program.

(3) The department shall issue through the program a William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Florida resident access grant to any full-time degree-seeking undergraduate student registered at an independent nonprofit college or university which is located in and chartered by the state; which is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; which grants baccalaureate degrees; which is not a state university or Florida College System institution; and which has a secular purpose, so long as the receipt of state aid by students at the institution would not have the primary effect of advancing or impeding religion or result in an excessive entanglement between the state and any religious sect. Any independent college or university that was eligible to receive tuition vouchers on January 1, 1989, and which continues to meet the criteria under which its eligibility was established, shall remain eligible to receive William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Florida resident access grant payments.

(4) A person is eligible to receive such William L. Boyd, IV, Effective Access to Student Education Florida resident access grant if:

(a) He or she meets the general requirements, including residency, for student eligibility as provided in s. 1009.40,
except as otherwise provided in this section; and

(b)1. He or she is enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at an eligible college or university;
2. He or she is not enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree in theology or divinity; and
3. He or she is making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the college or university in which he or she is enrolled.

Priority in awarding Effective Access to Student Education grants must be given to eligible students who demonstrate a financial need.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 48 and insert:

Resident Access Grant Program; deleting a provision relating to the legislative intent; requiring students who demonstrate a financial need to be given priority in receiving grant payments; amending s. 1009.893,